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City council chides ZBA for its dissent

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

The collective knuckles of the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) were given a firm rap Monday, as several Novi City Council members took the board to task for two controversial 1991 decisions.

While the city was locked into a lawsuit brought by the Southern Michigan Oil Company (SOMOCO), the ZBA in April granted a series of hardship variances clearing the way for the firm's second oil well here.

Board members countered Monday at a joint meeting with the council that the original denial of the oil well application may have been politically motivated.

Both the Planning Commission and the council nixed the request.

The ZBA also took heat for granting relief in October to Big Al's Novi Quick Oil Change on Novi Road.

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■ **Deciding how to spend \$350,000 left by the late Iva Fuerst to Novi's Power Park will be a top priority for the Parks and Recreation Department this year. That, and figuring out ways to gain title to more park land. The story is on page 3.**

■ **If an advisory board can be a wallflower, that's about how Novi's Stormwater Financial Review Committee feels. The board has done, member Jerry MacEachern said, "absolutely nothing." But not by choice. The story is on page 7.**



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Batter up

Eleven-year-old Ryan Duffy, above, keeps his eye on the ball during a hitting clinic at the Novi Meadows Elementary school recently. The clinic was put on for Novi area youngsters by the American Baseball Camps for Novi Community Education. The program was one of two camps scheduled for students for the winter break in the Novi school district. At left, 9-year-old Justin Guffey gets ready to take a swat.



Verdict near in death of joggers

By STEVE KELLMAN
Staff Writer

The prosecution and defense rested their cases Tuesday after two days of testimony in Kenneth Loveday's manslaughter trial.

Loveday was charged with killing two joggers, brothers-in-law Yusuf Hanania and Albert Abdelnour, on Eight Mile Road last summer. He faced trial before Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Francis X. O'Brien Monday and Tuesday. The jury may decide his fate today.

Manslaughter with a motor vehicle is a felony punishable by up to 15 years in prison.

The 20-year-old former Novi resident was driving west on Eight Mile just east of Beck Road when he struck the two joggers with his Jeep Wrangler early on the morning of June 5, instantly killing them both.

"Ladies and gentlemen," Assistant Oakland County Prosecutor Roman Kalytiak said in his opening statement, "what the people are going to prove in this case beyond a reasonable doubt is that the wives and children of these two people did not lose their loved ones because of an accident. They lost their loved ones because of a crime."

"The people are going to show that (Loveday) was so high (on marijuana) that morning that he thought one of the two men was riding a bicycle. . . . The people are go-

ing to show that the defendant was so high that morning that he thought he saw a gray pickup truck that was never there."

Loveday told police after the accident that he swerved to avoid an oncoming pickup truck, but other witnesses to the incident could not recall seeing any such vehicle.

Roman Kalytiak
Assistant Prosecutor

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Strain stands mute to charges

By SUZANNE HOLLYER
Staff Writer

Novi High School's suspended Band Director Craig Strain stood mute to charges of second degree criminal sexual conduct Jan. 3 in the 16th District Court.

Tuesday, Strain asked the court to postpone his preliminary exam. The case will resume Feb. 11 at 9 a.m. at the Livonia district courthouse.

The felony criminal sexual conduct charge carries a penalty of up to 15 years in jail and mandatory AIDS testing.

Strain was suspended with pay from his job at Novi High School Oct. 16 after a student accused

him of sexual misconduct. The school board is expected to approve a settlement with Strain tonight at a regular meeting, said board President Stephen Hitchcock.

"What they do in the criminal courts will not affect our settlement," Hitchcock said.

A female student accused Strain of criminal sexual conduct involving fondling, Novi Police Chief Doug Shaeffer said.

But because the alleged incident occurred in Livonia, Shaeffer said, the case was turned over to the Livonia police.

Strain lived in Livonia two years ago at the time the alleged sexual misconduct occurred. A preliminary exam was scheduled for today.

Jan. 9. But at a Tuesday hearing, Strain waived his right to a preliminary exam within 12 days of arraignment.

Strain's attorney Richard Beemer asked Judge Robert Brzezinski to reschedule the exam so a defense could be prepared.

Wayne County prosecutor Andrew Telek said Strain and his attorney received copies of the police investigation into the case on Tuesday.

Strain "did engage in sexual contact with another person . . . under the following existent circumstance . . . said victim was at least 13 but

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File Photo

The 1987 tornado flipped several mobile homes in Novi, killing Michael Muscatello, paralyzing Vanda Muscatello, and injuring their son

Tornado victim's suit charges poor setup

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Vanda Muscatello, who lost her husband and the use of her legs in a 1987 tornado, has to date won \$5,000 for herself and \$5,000 for her young son in a lawsuit against a mobile home manufacturer, the installer and Chateau Estates-Novi.

The high winds picked up and shattered the Muscatellos' mobile home on Rousseau Drive in Chateau Estates. The suit, filed in April 1990, charges that the residence was negligently made and anchored and seeks damages in excess of \$10,000.

A Jan. 21 trial is set for the case against Chateau Estates and its manager Robert Steiner, but Muscatello said she is seeking an adjournment Tuesday because she no longer has legal representation.

On Dec. 18, the judge granted Muscatello's request to hire a new attorney.

She declined Monday to give the reason why she is changing lawyers mid-stream but said she will pursue the case.

The lawsuit alleges that Chateau Estates failed to provide a warning and a shelter during bad weather and that inspections at the mobile home community were inadequate.

On Dec. 3, Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Barry Howard ruled in favor of arguments presented by attorneys for the manufacturers, Redman Mobile Homes Inc., and removed them from the case without prejudice. This means that a new product liability lawsuit against the home-builders may be brought.

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Community Calendar

Today, January 9

School Board: The Novi Board of Education will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Educational Services Building on Taft Road.

Historical commission: The Novi Historical Commission will be meeting in the Old Town Hall, next to the Novi Library, in the city complex on Ten Mile Road.

Parks and rec: The Novi Parks and Recreation Commission will meet in the council chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

Saturday, January 11

Motorsports Hall of Fame: The Pre-Grand Opening Celebration of the Motorsports Hall of Fame will begin in the Novi Expo Center at 6 p.m. The Expo Center is located west of Novi Road, south of I-96. An auction will be held and hours of new cars will be served from 6-9 p.m. Muste and dancing from 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. Forty racing vehicles will be on display during the event. Admission is \$2 and the proceeds of the event will help pay for the construction of a permanent museum exhibit.

Goal setting: The Novi City Council will meet for a "goal session" in the activities room of the Novi Civic Center.

Sunday, January 12

Hall of Fame: The Pre-Grand Opening Celebration of the Motorsports Hall of Fame will continue in the Novi Expo Center from noon to 5 p.m. The Expo Center is located west of Novi Road, south of I-96. Forty racing vehicles will be on display during the event. Admission is \$2 and the proceeds of the event will help pay for the construction of a permanent museum exhibit. Motel car races are among the attractions.

Monday, January 13

Guest speaker: Pat Hinz of the Family Works Counseling Center in Novi will be the monthly Guest speaker before the Middle School PTO. Hinz will speak on the topic of parenting skills at 7 p.m. in the schools media center.

Out early: Novi High school students will be dismissed from classes at 10:55 a.m. today.

Debate Boosters: The Novi High School Debate Boosters will meet in the Novi High library at 7:30 p.m.

City Council: The Novi City Council will meet in regular session at 8 p.m. in the council chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

Library board: The Novi library board will meet in the library building.

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Saturday, January 18

Crystal Gala: The Novi Arts Council will host a special evening dinner dance at the Hotel Baromette, 27790 Novi Road. Admission will be \$70 per couple, \$20 of which is tax deductible. The evening will include dinner, entertainment provided by members of the Michigan Opera Theatre and dancing from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. The bar opens at 6 p.m. Dinner will start at 6:30 p.m.

Winter Dance: Novi High School will host its Winter Dance in the high school Commons from 8-11 p.m.

Chilly Willy Festival: The Novi Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting its annual Chilly Willy Festival at the Novi Civic Center and in Power Park behind the civic center. The event will include a snoball softball tournament. Teams must register for the event at least four days ahead of the tournament. Contact the parks and recreation department for more information at 347-0400.

Monday, January 20

Semester begins: The second semester begins in Novi schools.

Band Boosters: The Novi High School Band Boosters will meet in room 511 of the high school at 7 p.m.

Debate Banquet: The Novi debate team will host a banquet dinner in the Novi High School Commons at 6:30 p.m.

Martin Luther King Day: City offices will be closed.

Wednesday, January 22

Planning commission: The Novi city planning commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

Thursday, January 23

School board: The Novi Board of Education will meet at Novi Middle School at 7:30 p.m.

Monday, January 27

City Council: The Novi City Council will meet at 8 p.m. in the council chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

To get your event listed in the Community Calendar, send information regarding the event, activities to be included, who is sponsoring it, location, time and date, ticket information and the purpose to which any proceeds will be put to the Novi News at 104 Main Street, Northville, 48167.

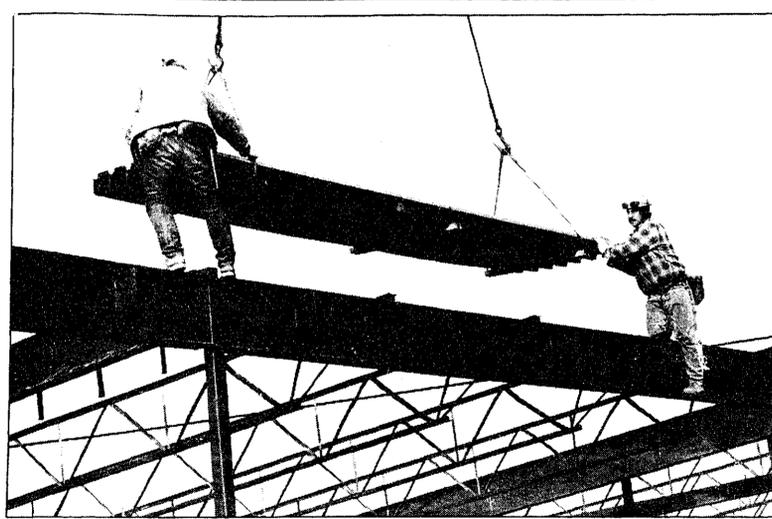


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Tech Center progresses

Workers Corkey Matthews, left, and Brian Beasinger continue construction on the Tech Center. The center joins Novi Middle and Novi Meadows schools on Taft Road. The addition will provide additional classrooms to the two buildings. The building also will be a technology center used by the entire district. Architects and construction workers expect the building to be completed by September, 1992. Interim Superintendent William Barr said he realistically predicts the building will be open by next December.

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Parks and rec has its Fuerst priority

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

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The commission is currently discussing an "adopt a park" program

with the Novi Rotary, and this may be a route to take with other parks, Konedda said.

While the commissioners found a proposal from South Lyon Mayor Jeffrey Potter that Novi, South Lyon and Lyon Township join together to purchase and run a park, that would be a last resort, Konedda added.

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Stolen cars recovered from field

Two stolen vehicles were recovered from a field near Thirteen Mile and Decker roads Dec. 27.

Police said an anonymous caller reported the vehicles were abandoned in the field. One, a burgundy Camaro, was described as stripped and heavily damaged. The vehicle identification numbers had been removed.

Upon investigation, police discovered the vehicle was stolen out of Kregg Harbor two weeks earlier. The second vehicle, a 1991 Suzuki, was reportedly undamaged. The vehicle was towed and the owner was notified.

INDECENT EXPOSURE: A Novi woman reported Jan. 3 that a man exposed himself to her in the Springs apartment complex.

She reported that around 7:30 p.m. Jan. 2 she was walking up the stairs to her apartment and glanced downward. At that time, she said, she noticed a nude white male walking around inside of his apartment with no curtains or blinds on the windows.

The woman said she continued to walk upstairs to her apartment, giving the incident little thought.

However, at 7:30 the next morning, she said, she walked out to her vehicle and discovered a photograph of a nude man on her windshield. The man's face was not visible in the photo.

Management at the apartment complex told police that the suspect in the apartment moved out on Jan. 3.

ATTEMPTED SHOPLIFTING: An employee at Kohl's on Novi Road reported Jan. 2 that someone tried to steal a microwave oven from the store.

Police said the man was stopped by store employees at 1:20 p.m. as he was walking out the front door with it on his shoulder.

When stopped, employees said, the man set the microwave down and escaped into the parking lot. He is described as being in his mid-20s, approximately 5-foot-10, 220 pounds with brown hair and a brown mustache.

MOOP: A resident on Chatterline in the Chateau Estates mobile home

Police News

Report Watch: Tracking the identification numbers assigned to incident reports in the Novi Police Department since Friday, Jan. 3, the numbers show at least 264 report numbers were assigned. The Novi Police Department publicly released 99 incident reports. The Novi News has filed Freedom of Information Act requests to obtain 165 reports Wednesday, Jan. 8. Combined with reports requested earlier, this brings the total requested under the FOI to 397. The police department has until Friday, Jan. 10, to respond to the first of the requests under the deadlines set in the FOI Act.

park reported Jan. 2 that someone in a red Dodge Shadow-type vehicle drove by his home and shot out the rear window of his pickup truck.

The resident reported that the suspect vehicle had no lights on, and neither he nor his wife could read the license plate or identify the driver. Police said the resident has had previous, similar problems including one incident where someone threw firecrackers into the rear of his pickup, and another where the front window was shot out.

MOOP: A Southfield man reported Dec. 28 that something struck his vehicle as he drove on Meadowbrook south of Nine Mile.

Police said the unknown object, which might have been a rock, shattered the passenger side window of the man's 1988 Ford Escort.

MOOP: A house and vehicle on Crestview were reported damaged by shots from a BB gun sometime on Dec. 27.

The vehicle, a 1974 Dodge truck, had a BB hole in the driver's side window, police said. In addition, there were four BB holes reported in the vinyl siding of the house.

The owner told police he parked his truck on Dec. 26 and observed no damage to it or the house. When he returned Dec. 27, the BB holes were there.

ATTEMPTED LARCENY: A Livonia man reported Dec. 27 that someone attempted to break into his vehicle while it was parked at Mr. B's Farm.

Police said there was damage to the lock of the 1985 Pontiac.

LARCENY FROM VEHICLE: A resident on Solomon reported Dec. 28 that someone smashed the passenger side window of his 1992 Ford Tempo and stole his radar detector.

The man told police he parked his car at his home the evening of Dec. 27 and returned Dec. 28 to discover the damage.

LARCENY: A resident on Garfield reported Dec. 28 that someone took a plastic snowman and plastic Santa from her front yard.

Both items were valued around \$50.

MOOP: A resident on Kingspointe reported Dec. 27 that someone damaged nine split rail fences at two posts in his yard.

Police said it appeared as though someone deliberately jumped on the fence to break it.

STOLEN VEHICLE: A South Lyon man reported Dec. 29 that his blue 1989 Ford Ranger was stolen from the parking lot of the West Oaks I shopping center.

The man told police he parked to shop, and returned to find the vehicle gone.

LARCENY: A customer at Vic Tanny reported Dec. 29 that someone stole approximately \$150 cash from his wallet in a locker between 1 and 2 p.m. Dec. 29.

The man said he returned to his locker after working out to discover the money and his lock missing. The wallet, however, was left in the locker.

LARCENY: A customer at Vic Tanny in the Novi Town Center stopped a Novi police officer Jan. 4 to report

\$150 cash and a credit card stolen from his locker.

The man reported he placed the items in his locker around 4:30 p.m. and returned at 5:30 p.m. to discover them missing.

MOOP: A resident on Renford reported Dec. 24 that someone threw a rock through the windshield of her 1990 Geo Metro, which was parked in front of her apartment.

The woman told police she returned home from shopping around 10:30 p.m. Dec. 23 and discovered the damage the morning of Dec. 24.

She said she heard people outside that night and heard a crash, but did not see anything until morning.

STOLEN VEHICLE: A Novi resident reported Jan. 3 that someone stole his 1991 Oldsmobile Bravada from the parking lot of General Cinema at Novi Town Center.

Police had no further information about the incident.

VANDALISM: A resident on Pheasant Run reported Jan. 3 that someone threw eggs at her residence.

The woman told police she heard noises at her front door around 7:40 p.m. and opened the door to answer it. Upon opening the door, she said, she discovered it had been hit with eggs.

Police logged several other reports of egg-throwing Jan. 3, including two that described the culprits as teens in a black Ford Tempo.

MOOP: A resident on Galway reported Jan. 5 that someone drove through her yard, tearing it up and spraying mud on her vehicle.

Police noted sets of the same tire tracks crossing five residences on Bedford, Galway, Cornemara and Center.

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Novi Briefs

Bottle drive: The Tollgate 4-H Education Center is collecting returnable bottles and cans to fund an Exceptional Equestrian program. The program helps handicapped children develop their muscles and self-confidence through horseback riding.

From now through Jan. 15, Tollgate is accepting returnable bottles and cans to fund the program. Drop bottles off at the center, on the northwest corner of Meadowbrook and Twelve Mile roads, or call 347-3860 to have the center pick up your returnables. Dropoff sites also will be located at some Novi grocery stores.

Calling former band members: The Novi High School bands are in need of uniforms and only former band students and their parents can help. Uniforms are in short supply for both symphony and concert bands. Through the years, some students have failed to return uniforms upon graduation, causing a serious shortage for current students. If you have one or part of a uniform, or know someone who does, call Paula Joyner-Clinard, 344-8300 or Nina Harris, 347-0054.

Confused about school finance?: If the terms in-formula, out-of-formula, recapture, categoricals and tax base sharing have you confused, then we have just the thing you need. The Novi News in conjunction with the Novi Community School District will be answering questions about school finance in a clip-and-save article to be published in a future edition of the paper.

Send any questions you have about school finance to Suzanne Holyer at the Novi News, 104 W. Main St., Northville, Mich. 48167. Questions will be answered by Novi school's financial guru William Barr in a future edition.

Seeking members: The Novi Community Education Advisory Council has a fixed number of members with staggered terms that expire every three years. Terms are expiring for Phil Koneka, Edward Nowinski and Rawland Storm. Most of the members with expiring terms wish to be considered for re-appointment. But member Harry Manza has resigned from his seat which was due to expire in 1992.

The Advisory Council's function is to assess and identify needs, interests, resources and problems within the community and to establish programs to meet those needs.

Anyone interested in being considered for membership to the Advisory Council should call Clara Porter, 348-1200.

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Photos by BRYAN MITCHELL

Wipe out

Snow fall, what there has been so far this season, has provided Novi youngsters with a good deal of winter fun. At top, James Evans, age 11, and John Messer, 8, collide while sledding in Lakeshore Park. At right, Brian Thompson, 10, gets a little help from friends as he starts off toward the bottom of the sledding hill.



Injunction sought against mother

By SUZANNE HOLLYER Staff Writer

The Novi Community School District has sought an injunction against the mother of a severely emotionally impaired student.

Oakland County Circuit Court records show Novi schools asked Judge Rudy Nichols to issue an injunction against a Novi parent on Dec. 18. He signed a temporary injunction, and the woman was issued a summons on Dec. 5 to answer the complaint.

The complaint alleges the woman has threatened school officials and teachers.

The woman also allegedly verbally and physically abused her son in class on March 26, according to court records. She slapped her son so hard his cheek was red for over three hours, according to affidavits on record at the court.

Following the March 26 incident, school officials reported the woman to the Michigan Department of Social Services.

She then began to threaten school and state officials.

"I'll make you pay no matter how long it takes," she allegedly told district Special Education Director Donna Timberg.

The woman also called the Department of Social Services and threatened suicide, according to the complaint.

In a call to the department, the wo-

man said she would "visit Parkview before she checked out," and she mentioned the "Royal Oak incident," the complaint said. It was apparently a reference to a former Royal Oak postal worker who recently killed himself and several co-workers in a shooting spree said to have resulted from his firing.

At a hearing with the social services department, a judge ordered police to escort a school official and teacher from the building because the woman was "abusive and assaultive," according to the complaint.

A Parkview Elementary School teacher claims to have seen the woman throwing eggs at a car in the school's parking lot Nov. 13, according to the complaint.

And Parkview Principal Joseph Imrick saw the woman spray painting a poster hanging in the school's hallway on Dec. 2, the complaint said.

School officials repeatedly have asked the mother to make an appointment or check in before entering a school building. But the woman has refused, according to the complaint.

The Novi resident has 21 days to answer the lawsuit before a judgment can be rendered against her, court records said. If the complaint was received in the mail she has 28 days from the time it was issued to respond, according to court documents.

Court records show she had not responded as of Jan. 6.

Freeze won't slow review board's work

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

Novi's Board of Review anticipates it will be working hard come March, even though the state has put a freeze on property taxes.

"I think it's going to be a most difficult year," board member Denise Jenkins said. "I don't think people understand that freeze means freeze. If you want it to go lower, it's not going to."

Property tax assessments for 1991 will remain at 1990 levels. This rate she is not kept properly informed. The board consists of three regular members and two alternates.

The council directed City Manager Edward Kretzwell to make sure the assessing department keeps the alternates up-to-date.

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Lake. This echoed complaints made at the time by property owners, especially on East Lake Drive.

"A grave injustice was done to a great many property owners around Walled Lake last year," Goldberg said. "When I asked for comps (comparable assessments), the comps weren't from the immediate area. I was placed in a position where I could not justify the assessed value of a home. This is an awkward position to be in when on the board of review."

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Band teacher silent on charges

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less than 16 years of age and the defendant was in a position of authority over the victim and used this authority to coerce the victim to submit," according to a warrant requested by the Livonia Police Department and signed by a district court magistrate last week.

Court records show testimony against Strain will come from the alleged victim, Novi Police Department officer John Zimmer and Livonia police investigator Teresa Schlachter. Court records also show Joshua Riggs and Borec Zoravkovski will

testify for the prosecution. Riggs and Zoravkovski were Novi High School students at the time the alleged incidents occurred.

Strain was investigated by the school district two years ago for an incident involving the same student, said interim Superintendent William Barr.

The Novi News has sought to obtain the Livonia Police Department's report detailing Strain's investigation.

The department rejected a Freedom of Information request filed by the News. A second request was filed Tuesday.

The school board meets at 6:30 p.m. today, Jan. 9, in the Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Road.

Attorneys representing Strain in his case with the school district have not returned repeated phone calls. Union representatives also have been unavailable for comment.

Strain is eligible for an early retirement option approved by the school board for long-term district employees. Swallow said. But the band director does not qualify to retire on a full pension, according to the assistant superintendent.

Strain declined to comment.

Bell says new law will yield low rates

Michigan Bell announced an estimated \$20 million cut in long-distance rates beginning this week—and up to \$45 million in additional consumer savings annually—in the wake of new state telecommunications law.

The state's new telecommunications act, passed despite heavy lobbying from citizens groups and competitors, reduced restrictions on Bell pricing, customer sales and service vice president Robert Hurst said.

Previous regulating law, passed in 1913 "did not recognize competition," Hurst said.

The new rates are expected to reduce residential and business telephone bills by some 12 percent, Hurst said.

Price cuts affect long-distance calls within an area code. Pricing changes would make a Detroit-Ann Arbor call cheaper than a Detroit-Los Angeles call, Hurst said.

"This major advance to customers and our company is now coming to an end," Hurst said.

Bell will soon offer a calling plan reducing rates for residential customers who make frequent calls within a 20-mile radius of their homes.

An additional \$20 million rate cut is scheduled for later in the year, Hurst said. Long-distance discount plans are expected to save consumers an additional \$25 million, he added.

"We said all along that this progressive new law would be good for telephone customers," Hurst said. "We meant what we said, and today we're proving it."

While consumers will receive savings on long-distance calls, rates will go up for such services as operator-assisted calls and third party calls, Hurst said. There are no plans to raise rates for directory assistance, he added.

The new law also freezes local phone rates for two years, while maintaining a flat rate for the first 400 local calls.

Calling the new rates a bonanza for consumers, Hurst criticized the "selfish opposition" of those who lobbied against the new state law. Citizens groups, however, remain skeptical of Bell's intent.

"We're in favor of anything that's going to save consumers money," said Mike Iotti of the Lansing-based Michigan Citizens Lobby. "But they could have cut rates without the new law. I feel there's some political motivation to all this."

Competitors and citizens groups have warned the new rates under new state law, Bell can adjust its rates without regulatory procedures, though Bell remains subject to Michigan Public Service Commission regulation.

The new law also gives Bell the right to enter the cable television industry. Hurst said the telecommunications giant was interested in cable but had no immediate plans to enter the cable industry.

Despite that, Bell didn't gain everything it sought from Lansing. It had sought to have the 400 call limit reduced to 300 calls, Hurst said. Bell also opposed the two-year basic rate freeze, saying current rates have already remained unchanged for eight years.

Michigan Bell has lost 10 percent of its long distance business within Michigan and 70 percent of its WATS business since the telephone industry was deregulated in 1984, Hurst said.

The new telecommunications law passed the state Senate 27-5. State senator Jack Foxon, D-Farmington Hills, whose district includes Novi, voted to approve the new law.

Gov. John Engler signed the bill into law Dec. 23.

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Verdict near in jogger manslaughter trial

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The prosecution's case hinged on proving that Loveday demonstrated "gross negligence" in his driving. Kalytiak said, and that the gross negligence was responsible for the joggers' deaths.

"If there's anything that I'd ask you to focus on in this trial, (it) is what does gross negligence mean," Kalytiak said. "The only issue in this case is whether the defendant used ordinary care."

Defense attorney Jerry D'Avanzo argued that the incident was "an unfortunate tragedy," and said in his opening statement. "What you're going to hear over the next few days is a situation that shows truth is stranger than fiction."

During his closing statement, D'Avanzo said of the accident, "This is fate and circumstance, ladies and gentlemen. Nobody could have planned this sort of thing happening in a hundred years."

The prosecution called 12 witnesses during the two-day trial, including Jeep passenger Michael Gibson.

Gibson testified that he had Loveday drive to a friend's house before the incident so he could pick up a baggie of marijuana, and that Loveday rolled the marijuana into a cigarette while waiting at a traffic light at Halsted and Grand River in Farmington Hills. He said the two then smoked the cigarette, passing it back and forth "four or

five times" before Gibson extinguished it and put the remains in the ashtray.

"How did that joint affect you?" Kalytiak asked. "It got me high; I felt different. . . . It made me laugh," Gibson said.

When asked about Loveday's behavior after smoking the cigarette, Gibson said, "It looked to me that he was high also. . . . He had a smile on his face."

"Was he laughing also?" Kalytiak asked. "Yes," Gibson said.

Gibson added that he was high for two hours after the incident.

D'Avanzo then proceeded to punch holes in Gibson's testimony, ridiculing his claim that he attempted and then Loveday succeeded in rolling the cigarette while waiting at a traffic light, and showing that Gibson never saw Loveday smoking the cigarette.

"Now Mr. Gibson," he asked, "you never saw Mr. Loveday hold that cigarette and take a deep drag off that cigarette, did you, Mr. Gibson?"

"No I didn't," Gibson replied.

D'Avanzo also suggested that Gibson changed his original story 20 days after the incident, when faced with potential prosecution for possession of marijuana.

"Were you informed that you would not be charged if you testified in this case?" D'Avanzo asked.

"Not if I testified, but if I told the truth," Gibson said.

"Now, I want to know which of these five versions of the truth we can rely on," D'Avanzo said. "Now the testimony you're giving in this case today is not being affected by the possibility that you might be prosecuted, is it?" D'Avanzo asked.

"I don't know," Gibson replied.

Both Gibson and the three witnesses to the incident who testified agreed that Loveday drove properly right up until the accident.

The case against Loveday was threatened from the trial's start by a series of legal maneuvers by the defense. Defense attorney Jerry D'Avanzo of Canton tried to introduce a motion the day of the trial to bar testimony regarding Loveday's previous driving habits and a marijuana cigarette found in the Jeep's ashtray, and photographs of the victims. But O'Brien criticized D'Avanzo for not filing the motion before the deadline for filing pretrial motions, and said he would consider each matter as it came up during the trial.

The low point of the trial from the prosecution's standpoint may have come after Northville City Det. David Fendele's testimony regarding the remains of a marijuana cigarette, or "roach," was stricken from the record.

D'Avanzo charged, and O'Brien agreed, that Fendele conducted an illegal search of Loveday's car when he heard that there might be a roach in the ashtray 20 days after the incident, and subsequently searched the Jeep at

the city's Department of Public Works yard. The detective never obtained a warrant before conducting the search.

"It is undisputed that the Constitution was absolutely and unequivocally violated," O'Brien said before ruling that Fendele's testimony should be stricken.

Brian Eschbach, a former friend and roommate of Loveday's, testified over defense objections that he used marijuana almost daily during 1991, and that Loveday was with him "most of the time" when he used marijuana. Eschbach added that he saw Loveday use marijuana.

But the judge barred testimony from Eschbach regarding Loveday's past driving habits. At a July 1 preliminary examination at Plymouth's 35th District Court, Eschbach said he and Loveday had been involved in several "near misses" while driving, and that the two would grab the steering wheel of vehicles including the Jeep and steer them into oncoming traffic. He also said the two would swerve toward pedestrians and yell out the window at them.

"We've had a few close calls," Eschbach said then. "O'Brien would not allow testimony regarding Loveday's prior use of his trial, saying it was irrelevant to the case at hand and could be "more prejudicial than probative."

The defense rested without calling any witnesses of its own, and Loveday did not take the stand.

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Board wants say on shared taxes

By SUZANNE HOLLYER
Staff Writer

The payment of commercial and industrial tax revenue to the state under Michigan's new tax base sharing program will no longer be automatic. The Novis school board decided recently to submit its first payment to come before the board for approval.

With several lawsuits already under way elsewhere in the state against school districts which complied with the new state law and made their payments, the Novis board wants control of those payments.

The move raises the possibility that the Novis district could refuse the state its money.

School board Vice President Robert Schram told district administrators at a Dec. 19 meeting he wanted the next tax base sharing payment to come to the school board for approval. Novis schools will lose about \$400,000 to the state. Half of the money was paid to the state in late 1991. The second half is due before the end of the school year.

Under the tax base sharing law, Novis schools and other out-of-formula school districts are required to share half of their commercial and industrial growth with poorer, in-formula school districts in the state. Novis falls out of the state funding formula because it is considered property wealthy.

In the meantime, Wayne and Macomb county taxpayers are seeking to stop tax base sharing. Their plight has been successful so far with an injunction in place preventing some school districts from participating in tax base sharing.

The lawsuit to end tax base sharing is in a hold-

financially liable for withholding payments, Guido said. Refusing to participate in tax-base sharing could cost a school district its state aid. Northville receives about 5 percent of its budget from state revenue.

Northville schools owes \$27,000 to the state for tax base sharing. A second, equal payment will be due later this year.

Northville school officials worried the state might penalize the districts for not making the payments, and they asked to be held harmless in the lawsuit.

Judge Olzak told the state they would have to give the school districts time to ask for an injunction before any sanctions could be levied against the districts.

Guido said he is working out a plan with school districts to put the money into escrow accounts. If taxpayers lose the case, then the money will be immediately available to the state, Guido said.

Taxpayers in Macomb County have filed a similar lawsuit. The Wayne County lawsuit mirrors the Macomb County case.

Guido said he hopes to combine the two. Defendants in the case include Northville, Dearborn, Livonia, Grosse Pointe, Plymouth/Canton and Crestwood school districts.

One taxpayer from each school district and the Wayne County Taxpayer's Association are named as plaintiffs in the case. Northville homeowner and attorney Stephen Whitaker is among the plaintiffs.

The state is arguing on behalf of the school districts. Legal costs also are being handled by the state.

The case fights tax base sharing on eight counts of unconstitutionality.

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Frank Guido
Attorney

ing pattern, according to Livonia lawyer Frank Guido, who is representing taxpayers in the case.

And the status quo is good enough in this case, Guido said.

Six Wayne County school districts are named as defendants in a lawsuit filed Dec. 5 to prevent the districts from participating in tax base sharing.

An injunction issued Dec. 6 by Wayne Circuit Judge Roland Olzak preventing the school districts from paying the state their share of tax base sharing money remains in effect.

The state has not filed a response in the case. Guido says state attorneys can take all the time they need.

"If the state wants to take 10 years, that's fine with us," Guido said.

"We've accomplished what we set out to accomplish. We stopped the payments."

But a response will likely come sometime this month, Guido said. The assistant attorney general defending the state's position is on vacation.

Northville has chosen not to participate in the lawsuit or withhold money from the state. Lawyers for the Attorney General's office said they could not guarantee the school district would not be fi-

City consultant dies in air crash

Edward Jacobs, a long-time civil engineer for the City of Novi, died last weekend in a plane accident.

Jacobs headed the design department at the engineering firm JCK & Associates on Grand River in Novi. In that capacity, he had worked on designing roadway and utility systems in Novi for the past eight to nine years, said City Manager Ed Kriewall.

"He was a very professional engineer," Kriewall said.

City planner James Wahl occasionally worked with Jacobs.

"His disposition was comfortable in dealing with different situations," Wahl said.

"Problems that might get other people upset, he could handle."

Jacobs was killed when a chartered plane crashed just about five miles short of an airport runway in Venezuela.

Jacobs was with friend Peter Greig, a Bloomfield resident.

The two men apparently were returning from a sightseeing venture when they ran out of fuel.

Jacobs, a Birmingham resident, is survived by his son Michael, his daughter Christine, a granddaughter, Alyssa, a sister and the brothers, Price Funeral Home in Troy is expected to handle burial arrangements.

Obituaries

Jessie Cochrane

Jessie H. Cochrane of Novi died Jan. 3 at Huron Valley Hospital in Commerce Township. She was 67. She was born July 7, 1924, in Drumheller, Alberta, Canada, to the late Thomas and Margaret Hall Blair. Her husband, Ronald G. Cochrane, preceded her in death in 1988.

Survivors are her sons, Allan Cochrane of Northville and Thomas Cochrane of Bay City, Texas; four sisters, Margaret Blair, Johann Blair, Christine Blair and Mrs. Mary Vincent, all of Peterborough, Canada; her brother, John Blair of Ancaster, Canada; and three grandchildren.

Visitation was held at the Casterline Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held Jan. 11 at Trinity Old Lutheran Church, 3445 Sheridan Dr., Eggertsville, New York 14226 at 2 p.m. with Pastor Barbour officiating.

The family would appreciate memorials to the American Heart Association.

Jonathan Galloway

Jonathan S. Galloway of Novi died Jan. 2 at Childrens Hospital in Detroit. He was 5.

Jonathan was born Nov. 18, 1986 in Detroit to James and Deborah Kiss Galloway.

Survivors are his parents; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Kiss of Ohio and Mrs. William (Betty) Galloway of Ohio; his great-grandmother, Christine Pagac of Ohio; and his brother, Billy Galloway, at home. He was preceded in death by his grandfather William Galloway.

He lived in the community all his life. He was a member of the Faith Community United Presbyterian Church in Novi. His funeral was Jan. 5 at Faith Community, Rev. Richard J. Henderson officiating. Arrangements were made by the Casterline Funeral Home in Northville.

The family would appreciate memorials to Faith Community United Presbyterian Church, the American Cancer Foundation or Childrens Hospital of Detroit.

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NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT: Please Take Notice that the Board of Education of Novi Community School District, Oakland County, Michigan, has called a special election to be held in the school district on Tuesday, February 11, 1992.

TAKE NOTICE that the following proposition(s) will be submitted at the special election:

MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSITION

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Novi Community School District, Oakland County, Michigan, be increased by 13 mills (\$13.00 on each \$1,000.00) on state equalized valuation for a period of 3 years, 1992, 1993 and 1994, to provide additional funds for operating purposes (this being a renewal of 13 mills for operating purposes which expired with the 1991 tax levy)?

THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER WITH THE APPROPRIATE CITY OR TOWNSHIP CLERKS, IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1992, IS MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 1992. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING ON MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 1992, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION.

Persons planning to register with the respective city or township clerks must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerks' offices are open for registration.

This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of Novi Community School District, Oakland County, Michigan.

DATED: 12/26/91 CRAIG C. FOREBACK (1-2-92 NN) SECRETARY, BOARD OF EDUCATION



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Use us or lose us, committee says

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

If an advisory board can be a wallflower, that's about how Novi's Stormwater Financial Review Committee feels.

The four-member committee has not met once this year and has not received the quarterly reports it has requested on the city's stormwater management program. The board has done, member Jerry MacEachern said, "absolutely nothing."

But not by choice.

Three members questioned why the city's administration and consulting engineers are running the millage-financed program without input from the committee.

Committee members want to be informed and activated or else disbanded, they told the City Council in their annual joint meeting Monday.

The oversight group was charged in 1983 with monitoring how a one-mill voter-approved tax and a \$3.97 million bond is spent to upgrade the city's flood control system. Work continues on a series of retention ponds, part of the stormwater management plan.

One mill equals \$1 per each \$1,000 of state equalized valuation of a property. With state rebates, that mill will be assessed at 76 cents per \$1,000 this year.

Committee members say the city's department of public services and consulting engineers from JCK & Associates have not kept them up to date on the work.

"My concerns were not notified," committee member Joella Shulman said. "Why should a committee exist if the things we're expected to review continue to function?"

"If they do not want us to function as you charged, there's \$1 million they're playing with I know nothing about. I have a problem with that."

The committee's current budget was prepared by JCK and the city administration -- but they never saw it, Chairperson Paul Black said.

"I guess the problem we have frankly is our charge originally was to kind of oversee the program a little bit to make sure the financial area was handled well," Black said.

"If we're an asset to the program, fine. If we're not, the committee should be disbanded."

Council member Joseph Toth, who was recently appointed a liaison to the committee, called for quarterly meetings and promised action within the next few weeks.

"When we sold the program to the citizens we set up a perpetual fund. The monetary agency should be this committee," he said.

The council also unanimously agreed to place the issue on their agenda within the next two months.

Council Member Tim Pope apologized because no one had "followed through" after the committee made the same complaint at last year's joint meeting.

Pope questioned if the city ought to open the project up for bids. Work is currently being done by JCK & Associates.

"It sounds to me as if JCK is running the program," he said.

"I feel (director of public service) Tony Nowicki is one of the most responsive department heads in the city. That's why I'm confused why they haven't got direction from the administration. Maybe it's the council's fault. Maybe JCK's gotten too comfortable."

City Manager Edward Kriewall suggested that the council meet with the committee and engineers and see if it's time to "sunset" the citizens' group.

"I think there's been some feeling that over time a lot of your charges would be turned over to administration," he said. "There's a lot of change, a lot of evolution. I think it probably needs a fresh look."

"We would require that you would wear costumes from 1914," Commission Chair Jomarie Soszynski said.

The township hall is available for rentals and two weddings have already taken place in the quaint building, located near the Novi library.

The commission is hoping they'll get the funds from the city to build a lighted walkway to the hall.

The commission is also trying to overcome a communications gap. Soszynski said the group was never asked to participate in the Michigan '50s Festival, although local history is their specialty, nor was she aware until that evening that the city's public relations department has an on-going oral history program.

"Nobody came to us. We put together data on how to do an oral history. We would like to be approached," she said.

The commission's goals include working with the other city boards and commissions, pow-wowing with neighboring historical societies and cataloging the Novi Historical Museum's collection.



File Photo

The aftermath of the deadly 1987 Novi tornado

Tornado survivor pursues lawsuit

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Neither party was awarded court costs.

In August, Muscatello and her young son, representing the estate of her late husband, Michael, settled for \$25,000 from the Novi-based installer, Snider Mobile Home Repair Service. Snider anchored the mobile home to its lot in 1982.

Of that money, \$15,000 went to Muscatello's attorneys to cover costs and fees. She and her son each gained \$5,000.

The father's Day June 21, 1987 tornado made a shambles of the young family's lives. Vanda Muscatello, who was conscious while the

trailer flew the air, was left a paraplegic after a falling wall broke her back.

Her husband Michael, 24, was killed. Their son, Michael, then 19 months old, had to have his spleen removed.

The Muscatellos had just purchased the home in April 1987.

The family's former attorneys David Christensen and Mary Pat Thomas argued that the mobile home was not adequately anchored, that the inspection and installation were negligent, as was the manufacture of the product.

When the mobile home was set up in 1982, the Chateau Estates manager approved the work after two addi-

tional tie-downs were put in place. The residence had eight tie-downs altogether.

Muscatello's lawyers contended that it is well-known within the mobile home industry that high winds have resulted in significant property damage to the structures and in the deaths of some occupants.

Two types of tie-downs can be placed on the structures, either on the frame and/or over-the-top. The Muscatello home had no over-the-top tie-downs.

Financial damages were sought for Vanda Muscatello's and her son's pain, suffering, loss of income and love, as well as funeral expenses for her husband.

Novi-based attorney Sandra Prokopp, who represents Redman, argued successfully that the home met federal Housing and Urban Development standards, that the manufacturer was not required to provide anchoring equipment and did not have an obligation to build a product which could survive a direct tornado hit.

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School sex case adjourned again

By SUZANNE HOLLYER
Staff Writer

A civil suit charging Novi Community Schools with negligence in an incident of sexual relations between a former volunteer swim coach and a high school sophomore was adjourned for the third time last month.

Oakland County Circuit Judge Alice Gilbert adjourned the lawsuit at a Dec. 10 settlement conference. A large portion of the case has gone to the Michigan Court of Appeals in Lansing for resolution.

Gilbert indicated in court records that the circuit court case was postponed because much of the case is at the appellate court. She rescheduled the case for March 31.

The lawsuit was brought to Gilbert

after Timothy McCoy Pelfrey pleaded guilty in criminal court to having intercourse with a female student twice in 1987.

The case was brought against the school district and several administrators by the girl's parents who claim the school's negligence allowed the incidents to occur.

An Oct. 28 pretrial date was scheduled, but nothing was resolved, according to court officials.

Named in the suit are former swimming and diving coaches Harold Anderson and Meredith Somers, former athletic director John Osborne, high school principal Robert Youngberg, former assistant principal Milan Obrenovich, former Superintendent Robert Youngberg and the Novi Community School District.

Pelfrey also is named in the suit, but he is not being represented by district attorneys.

The case charges school officials continued to allow Pelfrey access to the high school even after his advances against the 15-year-old girl were discovered.

The claim was denied in the school district's response to the complaint.

The suit seeks damages in excess of \$10,000 for injuries and trauma, past and future psychiatric trauma, past and future emotional distress, humiliation and embarrassment, educational costs since the incidents and medical bills.

In November, 1990, Gilbert found Pwko, Youngberg, Osborne and Obrenovich not guilty of the statutory definition of gross negligence.

Anderson, Youngberg, Somers and the Novi Community School District were granted partial summary disposition of their cases in May, 1991.

The decisions have been appealed. None of the cases has been assigned a trial date. Court officials said Tuesday they expect the cases to be heard at the same time. They do not expect a trial date to be set at the appellate court for several months.

NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Singh Development Co., Ltd. is requesting a temporary use permit to allow placement of a temporary trailer to be used as a rental office for Woodford Townhomes, located on the east side of Decker Road, north of Thirteen Mile Road, on Parcel No. 50-22-02-000-010.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 500 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for Temporary Use Permit.

This request will be considered at 3:00 p.m., on Thursday, January 16, 1992, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to January 16, 1992. (1/9/92 NR, NN)

CITY OF NOVI VACANCIES ON BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that several vacancies will exist on the following Boards and Committees:

- Zoning Board of Appeals
- Board of Review
- Cable Access Committee
- Construction Board of Appeals
- Economic Development Corporation
- Housing and Community Development Advisory Committee
- Library Board

Any resident of the City of Novi who is interested in being appointed by the City Council to serve on one of the Boards or Committees should contact the City Clerk at 347-0456 for an application. A booklet which outlines the duties of the various Boards is also available from the Clerk. Applications should be submitted by January 15th. Please contact the City Clerk if you are unable to meet the January 15th deadline so other arrangements can be made.

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As We See It

Novi police operated in secrecy in 1991

Perhaps we did not make ourselves clear.

One of the members of the Novi Police Department stopped our staff writer, Cristina Ferrer, while she was picking up blotter items Tuesday to let her know that many officers there found quite humorous our editorial announcement Monday that we had filed Freedom of Information requests for 232 unaccounted for police incident reports. The police officers passed it around and got quite a chuckle out of it, he said. And what, he wanted to know, is the newspaper's problem anyway?

Perhaps we did not make ourselves clear.

The Freedom of Information Act was voted on and passed by the state Legislature in 1976. It's the law. We don't care whether you like it. We don't care if you agree with it. We don't care if you take it seriously. It's the law. And it seems to us that a law enforcement agency, you ought to follow the law.

We asked politely a year ago that Novi police abide by it. We reminded the department several times over the course of year. Now we are going to insist.

We would expect no less of you, though we suspect you would show less patience.

Tuesday, Novi police released more reports than usual — 99 to be exact. But 165 were still missing and unaccounted for. The Novi News promptly filed more FOI requests Wednesday, bringing to 397 the number of reports now under FOI request. Of the first 232 asked for, none have yet been turned over. The department has until Friday to respond to that first request.

But maybe these raw numbers don't make the severity of the problem clear. After all, it doesn't show what kind of reports — incidents or arrests — the police department has been holding back from the public.

A clearer picture might emerge by comparing the information that was released during 1991 against the department's own totals of criminal activity and arrests in Novi.

This week, we took the year-to-date totals from the department's October 1991 "monthly activity report" — submitted to the City Council in mid-December and therefore count as the latest statistics available — and compared them to the reports the Novi police department had released publicly during the first 10 months of last year. The numbers show severe gaps in the information being made available to the Novi public.

Murder is the only category for which the numbers match the information previously released by the department. The activity report shows three arrests, year to date through October, in Novi.

There was Felipe Pines and Nelson Cobas, arrested as a result of Novi police investigation into the murder of a Detroit man in a drug deal gone bad in late 1990. They were sent up for life. And there was the case of the 45-year-old Novi woman, who beat her father so badly in September that he died of his wounds in October. She is now undergoing psychiatric evaluation.

The numbers regarding criminal sexual conduct cases and sex offenses look downright foreign. Remember that the now defunct "police media relations policy" strictly prohibited the release of information about sex crimes, which was one of the provisions we took to task a year ago as being a violation of the FOI act.

Through the end of October, the Novi police department had released information about two criminal sexual conduct cases and one arrest.

But the monthly activity report shows there had been five incidents of CSC, degrees I and III (the most serious



Government

categories) and two arrests on these charges. For CSC II, the report shows two incidents and two arrests. For CSC IV (the least serious category) and other sex offenses, the reports show 38 incidents had been recorded through the end of October and six arrests had been made. No information on these had been released.

Robbery statistics in the activity report show nine incidents had occurred and six arrests had been made. Information had been released publicly about only four of the incidents and none of the arrests.

Aggravated assault statistics show 23 incidents occurred, for which four arrests were made. Information had been released to the public about only two incidents and none of the arrests.

The October activity report showed 152 burglaries had occurred year to date through October, for which there were six arrests. Information had been released about 11 incidents and no arrests.

If you read the Novi News' police blotter column regularly, you might not be surprised to learn there were 1,192 incidents of larceny in town for the first 10 months of last year. This is one of the few categories regularly released by Novi police.

What might surprise you is the number of arrests made in this category. Public information about larceny arrests barely reached double digits. In the monthly activity report, Novi police claim to have arrested 202 people on larceny charges.

For non-aggravated assaults, the report shows 143 incidents and 26 arrests. Information had been released about two incidents and one arrest.

For forgery and counterfeiting, the report shows there were 16 incidents and three arrests. Information was released on none of these.

For narcotics, the report shows 49 incidents and 36 arrests. Information was released on one incident and no arrests.

Operating under the influence is one of the more interesting categories to examine. Why such reports would be withheld is unclear. There is not likely to be much follow-up investigation needed for an OUIL arrest. Nor would public release of such information tip off perpetrators to police investigative procedures. And other departments — Northville and the state police, for instance — release OUIL reports as a matter of routine practice.

Yet in Novi, through October 1991, there were 314 incidents of OUIL for which there were 316 arrests, according to the monthly activity report. Information had been released publicly about only three of them.

Proof that chief Doug Shaeffer's arrival in July and quick decision to get rid of the old media relations policy has not really affected things comes in this category. In the month of October alone, there were 47 OUIL incidents, none of which were made public by the police department that month.

One interesting point gets raised in this OUIL category. Of the three OUIL reports released by Novi police, none involved Novi residents. The home towns of these drivers respectively were Livonia, New Hudson and Northville. That number may not be significant enough to claim there is a trend, but it is enough to raise the question of the selective release of police information.

Our concern with Novi police



Michael Malott

It is not fair to lay the blame for the lack of information coming out of the Novi Police Department on its current chief, Doug Shaeffer. He didn't arrive here until late July, 1991.

By that time, the practice on the part of the Novi police department to release very little information about its operations was well established. We trace that practice back to May 1990, when the now defunct "Police Media Relations Policy" was first instituted by the previous police chief.

Shaeffer has made progress in his time here. He at least has canned that old policy. He has city attorneys working on a new, more open policy.

And Shaeffer did this week set up a quick meeting between himself, city attorney David Fried and myself to discuss the problem. The meeting was scheduled to occur after our deadline for this issue.

But to suggest that things have significantly improved since Shaeffer's arrival, or that the Novi police department is more forthcoming now that Shaeffer has tossed out the old policy would be incorrect. In practice, little seems to have changed in the department's week-to-week operations.

I met with Shaeffer Monday to discuss the public re-

lease of police department information and review the status of the new policy. Shaeffer said a draft policy has been devised, but that city attorneys are concerned about it. The concern is apparently related to the question of whether the city itself could incur liability for the information it releases to the public.

It is a fair question, I suppose, so I made a quick check with the Michigan Freedom of Information Committee. The FOI experts there have turned up no cases in which cities have been sued for the information they have given out. That is not to suggest that such cases don't exist, only that media lawyers and FOI experts have not been able to find them.

On the other hand, both groups did point out that there have been several cases in which cities were ordered to pay damages for failing to release information.

I have a tendency to think of that argument as a bit of red herring. Police departments have long been lightning rods for lawsuits. They are already susceptible to suits of false arrest and brutality. And many departments pick up many such suits.

But that does not seem to stop the police from doing their legal duty. They still make arrests. They still use physical force to subdue perpetrators when necessary. They simply must use care and caution when they do.

Likewise, the threat of liability suits should not stop the police department from making public the information it is required to under the FOI.

Anyway, we'll continue to pursue the matter. And we'll keep our readers apprised.

Moments

By Bryan Mitchell



Clarence and Catherine Heiman celebrated their 50th anniversary recently in the Northville VFW Hall

'Happy anniversary'

A lousy way to start the year



Phil Power

It was a lousy way to come into the New Year.

The University of Michigan football team got decisively whupped in the Rose Bowl by the vastly superior Washington Huskies. And the after-shocks of General Motors' announced plant closings and workforce reductions were still rattling around the state.

UM and GM are traditionally among Michigan's strongest assets. That both should face similar competitive

troubles at the same time should serve as a cautionary tale.

As to the Wolverines, the suspicion had been growing for years in Ann Arbor that the UM football program, though successful, was a long way from the top national rank of the 1940s through the '70s.

There was a growth of competition. As population moved to the warmer climes of California and Florida, high school football programs there grew and flourished. The best competitive test: the Big Ten's continued record of failure in the Rose Bowl against the Pacific Ten. It wasn't just Bo Schembechler's fault; most football observers say the Big Ten simply isn't in the same league.

Bo had a wonderful run in his 21 years as head coach. But like the corporate momentum built up over the years at GM, his long tenure at Michigan may have solidified habits that were once good but now uncompetitive.

GM faces a similar challenge for similar reasons. The rise of competition — first from Europe, then Japan — changed the face of the market.

GM looks as bad against the Japanese as the Big Ten in the Rose Bowl. In 1979 GM commanded 46 percent of the American auto market; in 1991, only 35 percent.

Like Bo stubbornly running play after play into the line.

GM first tried to solve the competitive problem by a traditional method: Throw money at it. The company spent \$77 billion in new plants and equipment to reduce labor costs. But as Fortune Magazine recently concluded, "Nobody spent as much as GM and got so little for it."

Finally, like Gary Moeller installing a modern diversified offense at Michigan, GM realized it had to fix its uninspired and poor quality product line. In the last two years, it has introduced a record-setting number of new products to uniform caves from the automobile press and consumers. But with a recession on and the company still 40 percent less productive than Ford, more fundamental steps were required. Hence GM's decision to close six assembly plants, 15 other factories and shrink the labor force by 74,000 blue- and white-collar jobs.

That both UM and GM face fundamental problems of succeeding in today's world can be seen from two quotes:

UM star offensive tackle Greg Sipepanak: "We definitely need an adjustment to take our game to the next level. Possibly 'adjustment' understates what needs to be done."

Japanese Prime Minister Miyazawa: "GM is like the Stars and Stripes to the United States, so it comes as a great shock to Americans that GM has been defeated by Japanese cars." Possibly "defeated" is too strong, but make no mistake, GM's downsizing indicates quite clearly that the corporation has no plans to regain traditional U.S. market share in the foreseeable future.

Times change. More often than not, the competition improves. And all too often, the old ways that brought past success do little but hinder future accomplishment. Fundamental change is necessary, if only for survival.

Gary Moeller knows this at UM, just as Bob Stempel knows it at GM. Let's all hope for their success in this New Year and the future.

Phil Power is chairman of the company that owns this newspaper. His award-winning column will appear periodically.

Rev. Jackson peddles 'baloney'



Tim Richard

John Engler, the General Assistance welfare issue.

Jackson contends that the cure for welfare is jobs.

On his recent visit to Engler's Detroit office, a reporter asked Jackson about welfare dependency.

His floundering reply indicated he didn't know what the guy was talking about.

General Assistance, the program Engler and the Legislature ended Oct. 1, 1991, had been funded by the counties — some of them, anyway — until 1976 when state funding and rules were phased in.

GA paid adults with no children, some disabled people ineligible for formal disability programs, those whose unemployment benefits ran out, and parents who no longer were eligible for AFDC because their kids reached 18 and the parents still hadn't learned a job skill.

But go back to Jackson and the political left's proposition: That job creation reduces the need for welfare.

Here is the average General Assistance caseload for adults without kids and those on the Job Start program:

- FY '80 — 74,937
- FY '81 — 104,873
- FY '82 — 103,920
- FY '83 — 127,119
- FY '84 — 141,956
- FY '85 — 124,684
- FY '86 — 109,704
- FY '87 — 98,191
- FY '88 — 93,310
- FY '89 — 92,714
- FY '90 — 100,722
- FY '91 — 99,959

Blanchard became governor in FY '83 and four years later was campaigning for reelection on the basis that 600,000 new jobs had been created.

About half those jobs were filled by people in the unemployment line. A few were filled by previous AFDC recipients. And a very few were filled by those who had been on General Assistance.

In short, Blanchard's "Michigan Miracle" only dented the welfare caseload — which wasn't Blanchard's fault.

General Assistance had a life of its own. Unemployment today is in the 9 percent ballpark versus 16 to 18 percent in the bottom of the 1979-83 recession. Yet the GA level was nearly the same in FY '90.

The Rev. Lloyd Thielen recently reported that in 1978 the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit distributed 79,000 meals, and in 1990 it distributed 1,212,000 meals.

If your calculator isn't handy, I'll save you the trouble: a 677 percent increase.

"Anyone who comes to our kitchen six months or more will come the rest of their lives," said Thielen.

Or as the old saying goes: "Give a man a fish, and you make him a dependent slave. Teach him to fish, and you make him free."

Jackson can't grasp that. When Jackson returns Jan. 15, Engler needs to preach to him, not the other way around.

This leaves us in a dilemma:

● God-fearing folks don't like to see others go hungry, so they give. Even agnostics and atheists are known to share this view.

● But the more and longer we give, the more who wind up as perpetual clients. To pay for the ever-increasing burden, we short-change our schools, colleges, natural resources and the arts.

Far from being a scissorhands, Engler has replaced GA with a new disability program, EDGE (Educational Design for Gainful Employment), a \$60 million emergency shelter program, and so on.

Essentially he juggled the programs to maximize federal funding grants. The result of his allegedly conservative action was a \$5.9 billion social services bill — the highest in Michigan history.

The cure for welfare dependency? I don't know. But at least some of us know the cancerous phenomenon exists. Jesse Jackson doesn't.

Tim Richard reports regularly on the local implications of state and regional events.

Flooding called 'unneighborly'

To the Editor:

I appreciate Steve Kellman's recent articles featured in the Novi News and the Northville Record regarding the substantial flooding that has been occurring on my upstream property since the construction of "Pheasant Hills" in Northville.

It seems foolish that despite numerous documents, including engineering reports and the minutes of city council meetings that acknowledge and reveal that the culverts in Pheasant Hills were intentionally designed to restrict the

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flow of stormwater from high intensity storms, utilizing my property to "store" at least 1.1 feet of stormwater — The City of Northville, Singh Development and their consulting engineers, continue to play the game of "denial and cover-up."

How many letters from agencies of high authority citing inadequate drainage and various violations of floodplain regulations do they need

in order to get the message? It's common sense that when you purposely create a series of dams downstream — which is exactly how the restrictive culverts function, stormwater will back up and flood property upstream, and common courtesy tells us that it is wrong and unneighborly to encroach upon and use someone else's property without their consent.

Development cannot be at the expense of other people and property.

The substantial flooding that I have been experiencing on my upstream property is not the result of any pre-existing conditions, but rather it is the direct result of certain conditions created by the City of Northville and Singh Development without any regard for my property and well-being. The denial of the fact only adds insult to injury.

Laura J. Lorenzo

Attendance record linked to sports

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

The State Board of Education supports a proposal to require 90 percent school attendance by students who want to take part in sports and other extracurricular activities.

The top elected board also supported Detroit's request for single-sex schools.

But the board, meeting in mid-December, opposed a bill to require one semester of Michigan history and another to ease the law against corporal punishment.

The state board is Michigan's top policy-maker for schools and frequently supports or opposes legislative bills affecting schools.

All proposals are in the House Education Committee, chaired by Rep. William Keith, D-Garden City. Keith has not yet set the agenda for January.

Students would be ineligible for intramural or interscholastic sports, clubs, performing arts and other activities unless they had at least 90 percent attendance the previous semester.

That's the essence of House Bill 5133, sponsored by Rep. Joe Young Jr., D-Detroit, a member of the Education Committee.

The state board gave 6-0 support to the concept. Missing were members Arnette Miller, D-Huntington Woods, and Marilyn Lundy, R-Grosse Pointe.

Educators are split. Some see mandatory attendance as a step toward improving school standards. Others see it as counter-productive. It denies an important chance to take part in school life beyond the classroom.

A student's excused medical absence would not be counted against him or her.

The board split 5-1 in support of bills to allow single-sex schools, along the line of Detroit's proposed black male academies.

The Detroit plan was overturned in federal court. House Bills 5171-2, sponsored by Rep. Hansen Clarke, D-Detroit, would amend the school code and Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act to allow single-sex schools. A freshman, Clarke is a member of the Education Committee.

Supporting the concept were board president Dorothy Beardmore, R-Rochester, Cheryl Jacobus, R-Grand Rapids, Barbara DuMouchelle, R-Grosse Ile, Rich DeVos, R-Grand Rapids, and Barbara Roberts Mason, D-Lansing.

Opposed was Gumeindio Salas, D-Lansing. Missing were Miller and Lundy.

Detroit matched the academies last fall to address the low achievement, high dropout rates and violence problems faced by boys, particularly blacks.

The Department of Education staff recommended opposing the bills, saying there were constitutional problems with "separate but equal" facilities. There is no evidence that the problems of black males are caused by the presence of females," it added.

One semester of Michigan history would be required for high school graduation under House Bill 5259.

It is sponsored by Rep. Clark Harder, D-Owasco, a first-term lawmaker and Education Committee member who previously worked on the House staff.

The board opposed the concept on a 6-0 vote. The bill runs counter to state board policy, embodied in Public Act 25, of setting goals for students to attain ("outcomes") but allowing local districts to decide how many semesters or weeks of a subject ("inputs") to teach.

In general, state officials look with disfavor on what they view as legislative micro-management of the curriculum.

A staff memo points out that the school code requires public and non-public schools to give regular courses of instruction in the Constitutions

of the United States and Michigan, and in the history and present form of government of the U.S., Michigan and its political subdivisions."

The school code also requires a one-semester course in civics for a high school diploma.

A bill modifying a two-year-old state law prohibiting corporal punishment sailed through the state Senate in fall, but the state board opposes it.

Senate Bill 338, sponsored by John J.H. Schwartz, R-Battle Creek, would allow educators to use reasonable force against a student to defend themselves, another student, or property; to obtain or to prevent a student from harming himself, or to quell a disturbance.

Schwartz, who has served on both education money and policy committees, sees the bill as necessary to clarify teachers' authority.

The Department of Education staff, however, sees it as unnecessary because the state already has published a booklet, "Alternatives to the Use of Corporal Punishment." Staff added that it has received no complaints or questions on the problem.

The pledge of allegiance to the U.S. flag would be required at the beginning of every school day under a bill that won only 5-1 qualified support from the state board.

House Bill 5108 is sponsored by Rep. David Jaye, R-Utica. Jaye, a second-term member from Macomb County, has gained fame for carrying a pistol for self-defense after making critical comments about welfare recipients.

"This bill would require a task that is currently permitted," said a staff analysis.

The state board supported it with an amendment encouraging local school districts to make their own decisions on reciting the pledge.

This position was supported by Republicans Beardmore of Rochester Hills, DuMouchelle of Grosse Ile, Jacobus and DeVos of Grand Rapids, and Democrat Salas of Lansing.

Opposed was Democrat Mason of Lansing.

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Novi library books don't get dusty on the shelves

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Novi residents are far more likely than the average American to turn to a good book for entertainment.

And they keep their library cards at the ready.

The city library's circulation per capita is 6.46 books.

"Which is an excellent use of the library. This is twice the national average of 3.5 books," Library Board Member James Evenhuis told the Novi City Council Monday during a meeting between the two panels.

Active library cards are held by 16,670 Novi residents — 50.29 percent of the city's population. Inactive cards are purged by the library's computers after three years of non-use.

This is impressive compared to the national average of 26 percent, Evenhuis said. In Garden City, only 8 per-

cent of the residents have library cards. In Lincoln Park, it's 11 percent. But Farmington Hills just beats Novi, with 50.4 percent of its citizens signed up.

Library use surged upwards after the 1989 remodeling, Evenhuis said.

The library's top goals are to provide a center for both reading for enjoyment and reference work, board chair Paul Black explained.

Novi already has 62,779 books on its shelves — 1.9 books per capita. But that's far from ideal, according to Evenhuis. The library board is aiming for three books per capita — roughly 90,000 volumes.

The turnover rate for each of these existing books is a 3.39 circulation per month.

"The population growth has outstripped our ability to grow a quality book collection," he said.

But Novi's library has made defi-

nite strides. It wasn't so long ago that Novi looked to the Northville library as a role model. Now, Northville residents are checking out the services — and books — here.

In 1979, the Novi library had a monthly circulation of 5,000 books. That figure is now 17,754, as opposed to Northville's 10,553.

Five to six percent of Northville library users came to the Novi library in 1990, Black said, while two to three percent of Novi library patrons take their custom to Northville.

"It sort of spreads around," Evenhuis explained, adding that Farmington Hills residents checked out 329 books in Novi, while Novi residents took home 4,000 books from the Farmington Hills library.

"It's nice to know we've got one of the top flight libraries in the area," Mayor Matthew Quinn said.

Zoning board taken to task

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Tim Pope said the ZBA's ruling on SOMOCO "gutted" the city's defense in the suit, forcing the council to reluctantly approve the operations.

"I thought you were a quasi-judicial board appointed by council to implement the policies of council and the ordinances," Pope said. "I was disturbed because I felt part of the decision was made not based on the merits of what was before you. The comment to me was maybe the council made a political decision."

"If the council made a political decision, I feel the ZBA appointed by the council should back the council up."

Council Member Nancy Cassis agreed that the ZBA's stance "hurt" the court case.

ZBA Chair G. Brent Canup argued that the board has a responsibility to make decisions free of political considerations.

"If you would address this thing with reality, you would see the ZBA made the right decision. And if you listened to what your legal counsel had to say, you would see it was in the best interests of the City of Novi," Canup said. "Quite frankly, I don't think we put the city council in a position where you had no choice."

ZBA member Lisa Foote backed Canup, contending that the foundation of their ruling was laid by the city council and the planning commission.

"The overwhelming criteria of facts supported those reasons for which our board granted a variance," she said.

While Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford said he didn't agree with the ZBA's action on the oil well, he thought the board was doing a "good job."

"You're in a very difficult position. I don't agree with all your decisions, but I fully respect your ability to make those decisions. I don't feel the rug was pulled from under me," Crawford added.

Pope asked the ZBA to justify the variances granted to Big Al's, allowing the business to be built on a less than

one-half-acre lot along Novi Road between Eight and Nine Mile roads. He said the hardship was self-created by the purchaser of the property, adding was "disappointed" by the approvals.

Area residents were opposed to the ZBA decision. "How can you look at 100 people who say please don't do this, we have a congested area. What's the benefit?" Council Member Carol Mason asked.

From a "realistic standpoint," Canup said, there are few businesses which could fit into the small lot.

"There has to be an allowable use. In my opinion, there could have been a lot of other things in there that would have been a lot more offensive. A quick oil change is a soft use," he said.

"I fail to see how it would help anybody by not granting it. One new person in the neighborhood stirred all this up."

Mason said she felt the council, planning commission and ZBA should work together.

"If you think everybody's going to agree seven-to-nothing, even if you change the board, it's not going to happen," said ZBA Member Brian Fannon, who opposed the SOMOCO variance.

"We have never been treated as a board like this before. It's like you people feel we did something to hurt you or it's political. We didn't do anything to hurt the citizens of Novi. We live here."

No one on the board has ever gained anything from their decisions, Canup said. "Everything this board does we do with a great deal of thought and as much research as possible. . . . If the council is looking for somebody to agree with everything you want, you may as well discharge us."

Mayor Matthew Quinn said that the ZBA understood its job, but that there was a legitimate disagreement. "I certainly wouldn't ever want a quasi-judicial board like you to function as a mouthpiece for the planning commission or the council," he said.

Crawford seconded this.



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Winter scene

The snow is beautiful to look at, even if it does shot along Meadowbrook Road, north of fill shoes and boots with water and make driving difficult. This pleasant view of winter was Twelve Mile.

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But it all pales compared to what I saw Sunday afternoon.

The 3-M Corp. has an advertisement that compares Olga Korbut with Post-It notes.

Have you seen it? It fools you at first into thinking it's not a commercial, so you are sucked into an "Olympic moment" of the 1972 Munich games.

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The beginning of every new year is a time when advertisers seem to become exploitative. If it's not an Olympic year, they still go for everyone's gut feeling that this is the year they must accomplish something. Health clubs and diet centers love the new year.

But have you heard the radio advertisement for bartender's school?

Wasn't this the year, the announcer asks, that you were going to really make something of yourself? You know, start a new career that makes lots of money, so you can buy a new house and a new car?

I'm not poking fun at bartending as a career — in fact, I have worked as a bartender myself and found that the money can be pretty decent if you work in the right place.

But over the years I have been doing an informal survey about bartender's school, and I would like to share the results, even though they are incredibly unreliable and unscientific.

Since 1986, when I worked as a bartender, I have asked other people if they have ever worked as a bartender, and whether they went to bartending school.

Every single bartender or former bartender got their job by working in some other position at the restaurant/bar, then switching to bartending. None of them have said they went to bartending school.

I'd be willing to bet all the money in my pocket (which isn't very much) that most bartenders are former waiters or bouncers.

And those who have gone to bartending school?

None of them — not one — have actually worked as a bartender.

So don't listen to those ads. Bartending is kind of fun, but it's probably not going to make you rich. And you don't have to go to school for it. Instead, you might want to invent the Post-It note.



Cindy Todd describes life in Moscow

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

BACK in the USSR

Local woman returns to Moscow

By CRISTINA FERRIER
Staff Writer

Cindy Todd describes life in Moscow with one word: exhausting.

For the people who have lived there all their lives, it might be described another way: confusing.

Todd, a 1974 Northville High School graduate, has been living and working in Moscow since September. She was home for the holidays last week.

"Life is very hard there right now," she said. "And there's not a lot of hope for things to get better."

But in spite of the poverty that she sees in Russia, Todd said the people there are rich in other ways, especially in their relationships with each other.

"The people are so warm," she said. "They don't have a

lot of material things, but they are very giving. They give of their time and their talents and their personalities."

Only a few years ago, an American in the Soviet Union may have expected to encounter prejudice. But Todd said she has found genuine acceptance from the Russian people.

"Every Russian I have met has been very nice to me as an American," she said, adding that many are interested and curious about American life. Many Russian people are able to get CNN in their homes and "know what's going on in the world," she said.

There is even a Soviet version of "Wheel of Fortune," she added.

The people of the former Soviet Union — who on the average earn only the equivalent of \$3 per month — are finding themselves in a society where the only thing they can count on is change.

That's frightening for most people, she said.

"One thing people there have said, time and time again, is that they know their system is bad, but they don't know any other way. They don't know anything about democracy. They don't know how to operate under a new system. They are very uncertain about how anything is going to work."

Unlike in the United States, where people depend on methods of day-to-day life that remain fairly constant, Russians are fond of telling Todd not to "expect that the way you did something today is the way you can do it tomorrow."

Just taking care of what would here be a minor errand is a major chore in Moscow, she said. People in Moscow shake their heads in amusement at the Americans, who

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Volunteer



JACKIE AND BERT JOHNSON

Meal delivery provides companionship as well

By DOROTHY NASH
Special Writer

"They have special chairs for us to sit on," said Bert Johnson about some of the disabled, homebound recipients of Meals on Wheels when he and his wife, Jackie, come delivering hot and cold food one day a week. "They need the meal," Jackie said, "but they need the company too. We're the highlight of their day."

Once a week the Johnsons leave home about 10:30, go to Novi Civic Center, pick up the food for the eight or ten persons on their list, load it into two containers on their car — one for hot and one for cold — and go on their way.

"We have a route, mostly in South Lyon," said Bert. "They're mostly women." Ages? "Some are in their sixties, but most are 70, 80, 90."

The food? "It's a balanced meal," Jackie said.

And how long does it take the Johnsons to make their circuit? "Mostly," answered Jackie, "it de-

pends on how long we stay at a stop — and with a look at Bert, she said, "He likes to talk, and so do I, but we're home about 2:30."

Visiting each stop means meals are not always going to be on time. "But if we're late," Jackie said, "they don't complain. They're more interested in seeing people."

"And if the food isn't hot," Bert said, "They can just heat it up."

Bert's been doing this for ten years. Jackie started just two years ago. At first they did five days a week, and once they had 31 meals to deliver! "But now," Jackie said, "they're trying to get more volunteers to handle smaller groups."

Why do this? They both said it is to ease the loneliness of the people who are disabled and homebound. Then Jackie added, "If more senior citizens would realize what it would do for them to volunteer! You meet lots of nice people. You learn a lot. And you get exercise."

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Borders to host feminist author

Feminist writer Gloria Steinem will sign copies of her latest book, *Revolution and Its Children*, on Sunday, Jan. 26, from 2-3 p.m. at Borders Book Shop in the Novi Town Center. Steinem is co-founder and consulting editor of Ms. magazine and the author of two previous bestselling books.

Revolution from Within: A Book of Self-Esteem is Steinem's exploration of the internal struggle — her own and others' — to regain a sense of self-worth and security lost during childhood. She shares the inspiring stories of men and women including Mahatma Gandhi, Margaret Mead and Julie Andrews as well as less famous but accomplished people who all underwent spiritual revolutions before coming into their own. The book is published by Little, Brown.

Steinem also wrote *Outrageous Acts and Everyday Rebellions*, a collection of columns and essays, and *Martini*, a compassionate view of troubled actress Marilyn Monroe.

Borders will also be the location of a "Sunday Salon" on Sunday, Jan. 12, from 8:30-9 p.m. Rabbi David Nelson and attorney Corinne Shoop will be co-hosts of the salon, which will focus on the topic "personal ethics vs. the law." Light refreshments will be served, and pre-registration in person or by phone (247-0780) is suggested.

Rabbi Nelson is the leader of Congregation Beth Shalom in Oak Park and a chaplain for the Detroit Police Department. Ms. Shoop is a litigation attorney with the commercial law firm of Simon, Hunsbary, Bodary, Padilla and Morganti.

Sunday Salon: An Evening of Conversation and Ideas is a regular program at Borders-Now, designed to preserve the lively art of intelligent conversation. Frequent topics devoted to such topics as "How Ideas and Information are Communicated" and "The Relevance of Literature in Today's World" have been hosted by distinguished conversation facilitators including Michigan environmental writer Stephanie Mills and educator-radio host Matt Watroba. Host-facilitators usually begin with a short presentation intended to stimulate response and participation by other salon guests, and then a freewheeling conversation ensues. The popular salons attract participants from all walks of life who want to meet and talk with interesting people.

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Ladies Morning Golf has turned into the Ladies Out to Lunch Bunch until Spring. They meet every Tuesday and go out at various local restaurants. Other groups include the Ladies Night Out to eat and the Men's

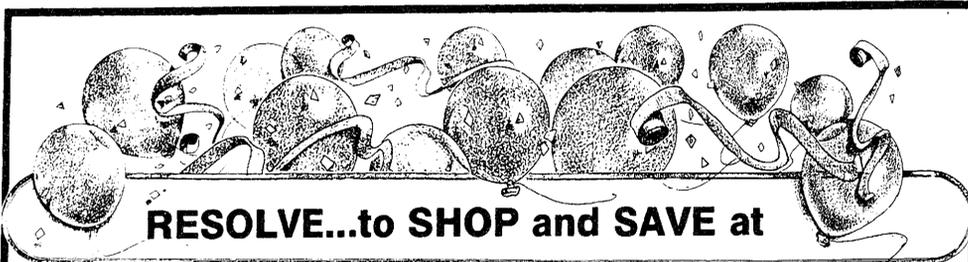
Night Out will be poker time on Jan. 31. The Moms and Tots group will be going to the Ground Round in Livonia Jan. 28 with kids meals at one cent per pound. In February Movies at the Novi Library and Hardee's lunch will be presented.

Out to Dinner Group will be going to the Mayflower Steak House Jan. 25. There are additional interest groups as well as special events coming up for members which include the Third Annual Curling Event in

February and the dinner and night at the races in March. **NOVI PIN POINTERS** High bowlers this week included Debbie Lukasiak of the Never a Doubt team with 232 in a 510 series, Lori Selzer of the Never a Doubt team with 206 in a 501 series, Jean Pilon of the Look-N-Good team with 199 in a 511 series, Barb Pietron of the Century 21 W team with 198, Karen Kulchinsky of the Adventurers with 194 and Sue Bolton of the Adventurers with 193 in a 512, Rosemary Banish

of the Never a Doubts with 192 in a 553 series, Shirley Sturzik of the High Lows with 189 and Marilyn Vallancourt of the Never a Doubts with 183.

Standings are as follows: Bowling Bags Adventurers.....66-48 B and L.....60-52 Eager Beavers.....56-56 Lookin' Good.....56-56 M and M.....46-66 By a Hair.....42 1/2 -69 1/2



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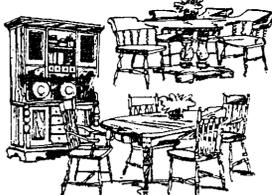
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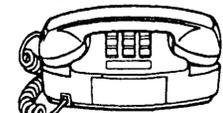
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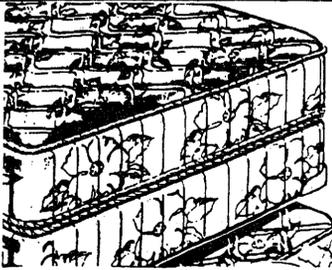
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Carvings, wine and cheese in Dover

Quaint Ohio town attracts visitors with old-fashioned craft exhibits

By MARY QUINLEY
Special Writer

DOVER, OHIO: On the 24th of June, 1913, Ernest "Mooney" Warther had a vision.

Sixty-four days later this vision became a reality as Warther's hand-carved "pliers tree" unfolded from a walnut block of wood with 31,000 incisions.

Today, Warther's family shares his carvings with visitors at the Warther Museum in Dover, Ohio, 75 miles south of Cleveland.

The Dover community, population 12,000, provides an interesting getaway with a museum, winery, cheese house and more.

A favorite museum attraction is an eight-foot-long carved replica of Abraham Lincoln's funeral train. Look inside the tiny lighted windows. Miniature ebony, ivory and pearl carvings of an eagle insignia, draperies, and coffin commemorate the 100th anniversary of Lincoln's death.

A miniature walnut and ivory 18th century steel mill; ebony, ivory and walnut replicas of steam engines; and carved memorabilia commemorating the Civil War highlight the museum's tour.

Small wooden pliers were a Warther specialty. He carved more than 750,000, using them as a symbol of family unity.

At age 20, Warther made his mother a parting knife — thus embarking on another hobby. Today, the Warther cutlery business continues to thrive. Weekdays are especially fascinating for kids and grown-ups alike as they marvel at the knife carvers busy at work in their shop.

Stroll through the museum's spacious rooms and enjoy the 64 working models of the evolution of the steam engine. Warther exhibited



Master carver Ernest "Mooney" Warther is pictured with a Dover, Ohio, neighbor in this 1947 photo

burning wood from the Amazon River, for the moving parts of his locomotives. The DeWitt Clinton engine, named after the governor of New

York, is an awesome display of 78 years of continuous motion — without a drop of oil.

How did a second grade dropout

with no formal education produce such metallic carvings?

"My grandfather thought carving was a God-given talent. He always

had time to talk to the kids. Carving came after people," said Carol Warther-Moreland, granddaughter of Warther.

The museum is open year round. Call (216) 343-7513 or write Warther's, 331 Karl Avenue, Dover, Ohio 44622 for further information.

After your museum tour, take a short drive through the rolling Amish meadows to DerMarktplatz. The "purple place," as it is more affectionately known, is a quaint violet structure with a gift shop, deli and wine cellar. Visitors are encouraged to taste the smoked German meats and cheeses.

Amish quilts, cookbooks and gourmet items add to the country store atmosphere. In an adjacent room, travelers are offered samples of Breitenbach wines which include cabernet sauvignon, spiced apple and dandelion.

"We make the largest variety of fruit and berry wines in the country. We average 10 at all times," said Dalton Bixler, owner and wine-maker.

Open year round, DerMarkplatz can be reached by calling (216) 343-3603.

Just a stone's throw away, on the opposite side of the bend, sits the Broad Run Cheesehouse. Factory tours and a video on cheesemaking are featured.

"We are unique because we still make an old-fashioned wheel cheese in a copper kettle. It is the only copper kettle in the state of Ohio used for cheesemaking. We leave all the cream in. This makes the cheese richer with more age and more flavor," said John Schindler, General Manager.

The gift shop, featuring Victorian wares and ruffled country curtains, tempts travelers to stay and browse. Broad Run Cheesehouse is open year round. Call toll-free (800) 332-3358 or (216) 343-4108 for brochures and tour information.

Neil Armstrong museum features space achievements

By KATHY WALL
Special Writer

At 10:56:20 p.m. EDT, July 20, 1969, Neil A. Armstrong stepped onto the moon's surface and said, "That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind."

Armstrong is one of many Ohioans who dared to follow his dreams and reach for the stars. The history of these men and women is recorded in the Neil A. Armstrong Air and Space Museum in his hometown of Wapakoneta, Ohio.

Ohio's Governor James Rhodes announced the museum while Armstrong was still on the moon. It opened on the third anniversary of the Lunar Landing in 1972.

Travelers often spot the dome rising out of the hillside north of Wapakoneta on the west side of I-75 near the Bellfontaine Road exit.

The museum's focal point is Neil A. Armstrong. The FSD Skylander he flew for NASA and the Air Force in the early '60s stands as a welcome beacon to the museum. It's perched at the end of a long runway, or imaginary "lunar landing strip" complete with blue runway lights,

that leads to the domed museum.

The entry hall of the futuristic concrete structure is lined with photographs of Ohio's 15 astronauts. Newly appointed astronauts are added as soon as the posterized photographs are available.

The museum is set up chronologically. Beginning with man's earliest attempts at flight, the first gallery contains the Wright Brother's Model G Aero-boat which was flown from the Miami River in 1903.

The basket and trophies of Dayton ballplayer Warren Rasor are exhibited near the dirigible airframe from the Toledo 11, which was the first manned and powered flying machine to fly over New York City.

The sloping carpeted walkway leads to the second gallery. Dominating the space here is the actual red and yellow Hercules T4C Champion airplane that the 15-year-old Armstrong used while earning his pilot's license. The bicycle he rode to the airfield is also on display.

The Space Flight Gallery emphasizes the Gemini 8 mission. The spacecraft that propelled Armstrong and Maj. David Scott in history's first docking mission in March, 1966, is on view in this, the third display area.

There's also a Gemini space suit, the mock-up of lunar equipment used while training for the moon flight, and some original space food among the artifacts.

Moving through a sound tunnel, visitors discover the Moon Rock Gallery. Here is Armstrong's Apollo 11 backpack space suit and a piece of moon rock. A demonstration lab has either a 12-minute film or live demonstrations available throughout the day.

Around the corner is the "Infinity Cube." This 18-foot square room is completely lined with mirrors and gives the sensation of being in space. Adults stand and stare at the mirrored images, trying to make logical sense of what they see. Children simply enjoy the sensation of space.

In the Astro-Theater, a 56-foot dome seen from the interior, a film on "The Conquest of Space" is shown continuously. The 25-minute presentation on three screens includes the sound and visual effects of rockets lifting off and satellites flying overhead.

The tour ends with displays of the space shuttle, today's space food and some space "spin-offs."

The museum is self-guided, but sales clerks and em-

ployees, who are never far away, are willing to answer visitors' questions.

(The most frequently asked question is "How do the astronauts go to the bathroom?" The answer may surprise you.)

The gift shop specializes in gifts and books about space travel. The most popular item with children is the space ice cream. (It's good, but it's not cold.) Adults favor the space pens.

Visitors should allow at least two hours for a visit. The museum is operated by the Ohio Historical Society.

In mid-July the Festival of Flight celebration is held on the weekend closest to the July 20th lunar landing anniversary, this year July 19-21.

The Neil A. Armstrong Air and Space Museum is open Monday through Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday and holidays from 12:5 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults 13 and over, \$1 for children 6-12 and \$2.40 for Golden Buckeye Card holders. Ohio Historical Society members are admitted free.

Chesaning bed-and-breakfast is like a Victorian greeting card

By PHYLLIS KREGER STILLMAN
Special Writer

Walking through the leaded glass front door of the Bonnymill Inn in Chesaning is like stepping into a Victorian greeting card.

The usual Victorian frills are there—lace, ribbons, bows, flowers. They create a romantic, fairy-tale feel to a place that helps you look at life, for a little while, through rose-colored glasses.

We arrived in the evening. Tiny lights outlined the building and made us feel like they'd left the lights on for us.

The inn is in a restored Chesaning Farmers Cooperative Elevator built in 1920. Howard and Bonnie Ebenhoch, owners of the Heritage House Restaurant across the street, bought the mill in 1988.

It was in such bad shape that they rebuilt most of it, keeping as much as possible of the lines of the original mill. Photo albums show various stages of rebuilding.

Bonnie Ebenhoch served as interior decorator. It took her a year to plan what she wanted for the inn. During that year, she and Howard collected antique furniture and accessories; then, when they were ready to start, it took only six months to rebuild.

"The Ebenhochs were able to do it so quickly because they had a lot of help. It was our family and friends who came in here to do it. Everybody had the goal to make this place look great," says Bonnie. It looks great.

of the most striking parts of the inn. Along each side of the lobby's long hall are guest rooms, each with its own bay window. Behind each spotless window is a lighted Tiffany lamp hanging over a table and chairs.

When a room is vacant, the shades are left open so you can see into the room.

Susan Felice of Waterford stayed in one of the bay window rooms. "It was gorgeous," she says. She warns, however, that staying in one of the atrium rooms has its risks. "There were people walking through there all the time; everybody wanted to see the rooms." The atrium area also contains tables where you can have breakfast or an afternoon snack.

The rest of the guest rooms are reached by climbing an antique, oak staircase which Howard Ebenhoch rescued from a store in Illinois.

Each room is unique. Many of the rooms have fireplaces, some have two-person jacuzzi tubs, and some have old-fashioned claw-foot tubs. "I didn't want to make this predictable. Each room is different," says Bonnie. "All the rooms are named after our kids, their spouses and our grandkids," continues Bonnie. Each room has a picture of the person it's named for on the inside of the door, with a caption that tells a little bit about the person.

Bonnymill has hosted at least one famous guest—Phyllis Diller, who was the featured performer at Chesaning's Showboat last year. "At first she didn't want to stay here; her secretary called several times to ask questions about the rooms, but they loved it here," remembers Howard.

The inn is, in some ways, more like

a small hotel than a bed and breakfast, probably because of its size (24 rooms with more in the works). What makes it like a bed and breakfast, however, is the friendliness of the staff, especially the Ebenhochs themselves.

Actually, most of the staff are Ebenhochs—this is a real family operation. Five of the Ebenhochs' six children work at either the inn or Heritage House Restaurant.

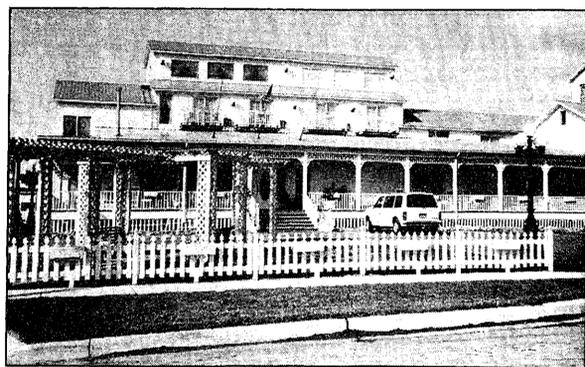
Rooms cost between \$65 and \$125. Call (517) 845-7780 for reservations. An overnight stay at Bonnymill includes a full breakfast. We were offered fresh fruit and several different kinds of juice, an egg and bacon casserole, a variety of cold cereals, and Bonnie's freshly-baked pastries—muffins, coffee cakes and croissants.

While you're staying at the inn, you might want to have lunch or dinner at the Heritage House Restaurant. All the care that has been taken to create a warm atmosphere at Bonnymill Inn is also in evidence at the Ebenhochs' first project, which opened in 1980.

The decor in the restaurant is also Victorian, with the same kinds of romantic touches as the inn.

Heritage House is located in an old home; that's why people like it, according to Bonnie. "One of the reasons the restaurant has been a success is because of the setting. People love to get into the old homes. Others can duplicate our food, but they can't duplicate the setting."

For one, doubt many can come



The Bonnymill Inn is a popular bed-and-breakfast in Chesaning

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The dinner theater series brought "Snow White" to the area in an earlier show.

Family dinner theater is a hit

In recent years the Northville Community Center has been transforming itself into a cabaret once every couple of months for programs of dinner theater for families.

The productions have proved popular, and the winter brochure from Northville Recreation offers two more selections, including one next week. Both are productions of The Actor's Company.

"Rumpelstiltskin" comes to the community center stage next Friday, Jan. 17. Dinner begins at 6:15 p.m. with the show at 7.

The play dramatizes the fairy tale about a little man who spins straw into gold. This show involves heavy audience participation, with the crowd providing the spinning wheel, the townspeople, the animals, and other characters to finish the story.

Kids will become personally involved by helping Gladly, the jester who comes to the aid of the miller's daughter. Tickets are \$9 per person.

"Earthings," on Friday, April 3, is a musical designed for education about ecology in an entertaining way. Audiences will see the Czar of Bulvania, whose love of nature is threatened by pollution; a female pop star who sings her latest hit about the offensiveness of graffiti; and the innovative Aurora, who creates works of art out of litter.

Again, dinner is at 6:15 p.m. and the show is at 7. Tickets are \$9 per person.

For more information call the community center at 349-0203. The center is located at 303 W. Main, Northville.

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Wildcats slip-slide to pair of defeats in holiday tournament

By SCOTT DANIEL
Staff Sports Writer

The Wildcats probably wished they had stayed home for the holidays after getting the yuletide whipped out of them in a Highland Park-hosted tournament Dec. 26 and 27.

In just two short days, Novi equaled half of its entire losses for the '90-'91 season. The tournament also featured Detroit East Catholic and Detroit Mackenzie.

Novi opened against Highland Park Dec. 26, and was beaten soundly 75-59. In the consolation game, the 'Cats were crushed by East Catholic 72-38. The two defeats left Novi at 4-2 on the campaign.

The results came as a shock to the team, which had competed and fared well in a Detroit summer league last year. Coach Bob Shoemaker said before the tournament, he expected it to be the 'Cats toughest challenge all year.

The coach said he believed his squad could defeat Highland Park, however.

"I felt going in we could beat them," Shoemaker said. "After scouting them, I felt we were better. (But) we just didn't play well."

Novi dug itself a hole it couldn't get out of in the first quarter.

Perhaps retaining a bit of the gyngling spirit from Christmas, the Wildcats turned the ball over to the Polar Bears three times in the early going, each for easy baskets. Consequently, Highland Park ran up a 9-0 lead.

It didn't get much better in the opening eight minutes as the host crew took a 19-6 lead at the buzzer. Shoemaker said the 'Cats had a

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Bob Shoemaker
Basketball Coach

hard time getting into their offense against the quicker and bigger Polar Bears.

The coach said court conditions didn't help, either.

"The floor was dirty," Shoemaker said. "We were open, but the kids were sliding all over the place. I can't remember playing in worse conditions. It affected us a lot."

The Wildcats regrouped in the second and played Highland Park even. The Polar Bears went into halftime with a 13-point margin over Novi.

Behind the shooting of senior guard Anthony Simmons, Highland Park widened that lead to 17 at the end of the third quarter. Simmons led the home squad with 18 points in the ballgame.

For Novi, the third was a departure from previous games this season.

The 'Cats held Northville to just four points in the period in December. Earlier that month, they held Kensington Valley Conference rival Lakeland to six points.

After surrendering 19 in the third, Novi came back strong offensively in the final quarter. But, unfortunately, so did Highland Park.

The Wildcats outscored the Polar Bears 24-23 to end the contest 75-59.

Shoemaker said he was pleased with the offensive output. But, he added, the 'Cats need to hold opponents under 50 to be successful.

"We just couldn't stop them," Shoemaker said. "They were a step quicker than we were."

"We play teams like that in the summer. I'm kind of baffled."

Jason Walker led the Wildcats, scoring 24 points while grabbing 10 rebounds. Mike Kramer added 18 points.

Novi's fortunes appeared to be improving in the first quarter against Detroit East Catholic.

Kramer and Matt Rolles, each with six points, led the Wildcats to a 19-11 lead over the Chargers. With time running out, East Catholic mounted a comeback to end the period at 19-17.

But, it was all downhill from there. The 'Cats could only match those 19 points the rest of the way as they shot a miserable 29 percent from the floor.

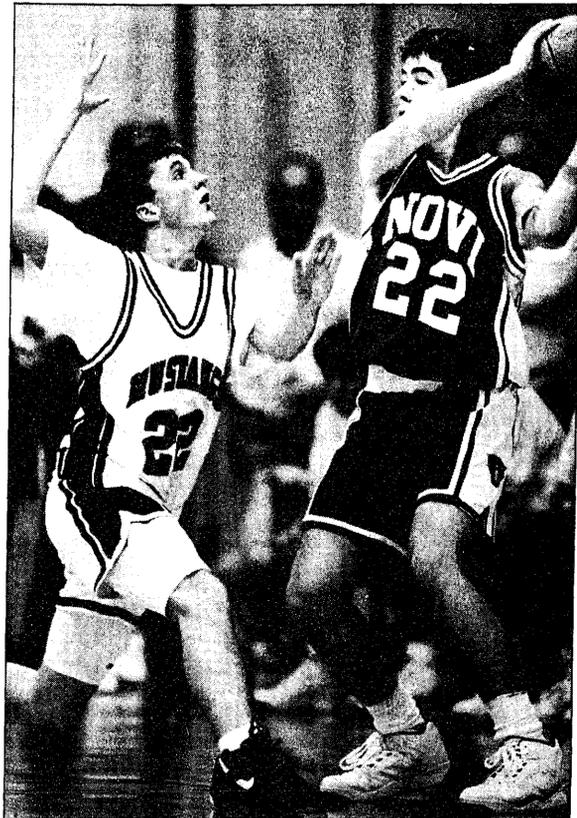
"Anytime you do that," Shoemaker said, "you're not going to be successful."

As a result, the Chargers cruised in with an easy 72-38 win.

"I thought we would play better," the coach explained, "but we didn't. We played poorly and I coached poorly."

Kramer led Novi with 10 points. Walker and Rolles chipped in 8 each.

Shoemaker said the losses were, obviously, disappointing. He said the drubbings brought the team back down to Earth from its first star and could actually prove beneficial in the long run.



Mike Kramer is leading the 'Cats in scoring

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

In Town

Music

CABARET: The Novi Players, Novi Concert Band and Novi Choralaires will present Cabaretas a fund-raiser for the Novi Arts Council on Saturday, Feb. 8.

Pizza or pasta, salad, bread sticks and beverages will be available for purchase. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., with Cabaret beginning at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$3 individual or \$10 family of five, plus \$2 for each additional family member. Reserved table of eight is \$24.

The Cabaret is at the Novi Civic Center, on Ten Mile east of Taft. Tickets are available from the Novi Parks and Recreation office or members of performing groups. Call 347-0400.

VICTOR'S: Where can you find an active Hammond organ, great music and good food? Answer: Victor's of Novi. Call 349-1438 ahead to find out if nostalgic Connie Mallett will be on keyboard.

A graduate of the mid-life crisis, master of the Hammond and the venerable Nov Chamber executive director, Mallett charms her audiences at Victor's with such favorites as "Misty," "New York, New York" and "Moonlight Serenade." Her playing is smooth and familiar without being too sweet; easy listening without the elevator.

PIANO MAN: Pianist Tom Altenburg is now performing nightly at the Country Epicure Restaurant.

Altenburg, who has delighted audiences for years in metropolitan Detroit, performs new and classic selections Tuesday through Saturday. Crowds are welcome to sing along beginning at 7 p.m., each night.

Country Epicure is located at 42050 Grand River between Meadowbrook and Novi roads. For more information call 349-7770.

WEEKNIGHT JAZZ: Home Sweet Home restaurant, on Nine Mile just east of Novi Road, offers live jazz every Tuesday and Wednesday from 8 to 11 p.m.

Performances are by the Buddy Budson Band with featured vocalist Eric Brandon. Often local jazz stars like Ursula Walker and Marcus Belgrave sit in as well.

There is no additional charge for the performances. For more information call the restaurant at 347-0095.

CHURCH CONCERT SERIES: The First Presbyterian Church of Northville presents its 1991-'92 concert series. The schedule is as follows:

- Chamber music by members of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra with Treva Womble, oboe and Robert Williams, bassoon. Sunday, Feb. 2, at 4 p.m.
- David Lee Heinzman, organist and composer, in concert of original music for organ. Sunday, March 8, at 4 p.m.
- Men and Boys Choir of Christ Church Crosse

Pointe, D. Frederick DeHaven, conductor, in a concert of English Cathedral Music. Sunday, May 17, at 4 p.m.

Tickets to all concerts are \$8 each. For more information call 349-0911.

Theater

DINNER THEATER: The Northville Community Center, 303 W. Main, presents two family dinner theater productions with The Actor's Company.

"Rumpelstiltskin," on Friday, Jan. 17, is an enchanting fairy tale, about a magical little man who spins straw into gold. Audience participation finishes the story. Dinner at 6:15 p.m. with the show at 7 p.m. Tickets \$9 per person.

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MURDER MYSTERIES, OPERA AT GENITTI'S: Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall Restaurant continues to present its Murder Mystery and Verdi Opera Dinner Theatre performances.

Genitti's now has three different production companies performing three different Murder Mystery Dinner Theatres. Every Friday evening at 7:30 p.m., separate performances are planned in separate dining rooms. Reservations are required for all shows.

Special performances of the Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre are now available for large groups of people any day of the week, day or evening, lunch or dinner time.

Dinner is served. As the crime unfolds during the performance, the guests try to discover who "committed the murder" through clues given out during heated exchanges between cast members. Additional clues and motives are given out as the cast mingles with the guests. Small gifts are awarded to those who correctly guess the identity of the murderer.

The standard seven-course dinner is served family style, like an old Italian wedding: lots of food, served hot, homemade soup, antipasto salad, vegetables, Italian sausage, baked chicken, Italian steak (pork), garlic toast, beverage and a luscious dessert.

The "Verdi Opera Dinner Theatre" is now scheduled the third Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. All acts are performed by the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan. Special performances are available for large groups. Reservations are required for all shows.

Genitti's "Hole-in-the-Wall" restaurant is located in downtown Northville at 108 East Main St., just east of Center Street (Sheldon Road). The Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre and the Verdi Opera Dinner Theatre including the seven-course dinner costs \$25 per person including tax and

tip. Please phone 349-0522 or fax 349-4941 for reservations. Group rates are available. Large parties can be accommodated for any performance. The Genitti's Gift Shop will be open for dinner guests. Valet parking is available during the evening.

Art

GATE VI GALLERY: The Gate VI Gallery is located in the atrium of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile.

Showing in February will be the annual Photo Show, featuring the winners of the 1991 Novi Photo Contest and other selected contest entries.

Literature

BORDERS: The following events are scheduled at Borders Book Shop in the Novi Town Center:

- Gloria Steinem: The author, publisher and feminist will sign her newest book, *Revolution From Within: A Book of Self-Esteem* at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26. The book profiles individual women's stories of restored self-esteem, including Margaret Mead, Julie Andrews and herself.

- Monte Nagler: The well-known photographer will discuss how aspiring artists can succeed in the business of fine art photography from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9. Sign up at the information desk.

- Sunday Salon: The fest of intelligent talk returns from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 12 for the "Title: Personal Ethics vs. the Law." Sign up at the information desk.

- Title Talk: Jodi Wyatt hosts a gathering of readers discussing Jane Austen's *Wuthering Heights*. Sign up at the information desk.

- Valentine's poetry: A reading of seasonal verse is slated for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12.

- Fallen Leaves: Civil War historian Robert Garth Scott describes the life and death of Major Henry Livermore Abbott, whose letters he collected in *Fallen Leaves*. Sign up at the Borders information desk.

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Wrestlers continue slow start at Salem Invitational

By SCOTT DANIEL
Staff Sports Writer

The Wildcat grapplers continued their slow start this season by finishing tenth in the Plymouth Salem Invitational Saturday.

Novi took 108 points in the 15-team tournament. Ypsilanti won the annual meet with 186 points while Portage Central was second and host Salem third.

The showing comes after a 14th place finish in the Oakland County tournament last month by the 'Cats. Coach Tom Fritz said the invitational was somewhat disconcerting.

"I'm very disappointed," he said. "It's the first time we didn't have a guy in the finals."

"It was a good tournament with some good competition. The bad thing is that we didn't perform up to my expectations."

Mike Borashko and Tony Scappaticci were the top finishers for Novi. Borashko, a 145-pounder, and Scappaticci, a

152-pounder, both were third in the tournament.

Sophomore John Streit started the invitational for the Wildcats in the 103-pound division. Streit, usually a junior varsity competitor, was forced into action because of injuries. He went 0-2 on the day.

"He was not really ready," Fritz said. "Hopefully, this will give him some experience for next year."

Munish Bazzaz took seventh place at 112 pounds. After losing his opening match, Bazzaz defeated Joe Hamilton of Livonia Franklin 19-6. An injury default victory in the consolation final round gave the Wildcat seventh.

At 119 pounds, Tim O'Sullivan also came in seventh place going 3-2 overall. The junior lost two of his first three matches before coming back to beat Travis Rickman of Ypsilanti and Paul Martie of Trenton, both by decisions.

"I was really pleased with him," Fritz

said. "He's starting to wrestle up to my expectations. I think he's pretty tough."

Ron Kane, Novi's 125-pound grappler was a sixth place finisher. He knocked off Alfred Ojukua of Ypsilanti by a 6-1 tally. After losing on a pin, Kane grabbed a 6-4 victory over Pioneer's Dan McGillicuddy. Kane lost his last two matches.

The Wildcats weren't able to pull any points out of the 130 and 135 pound divisions.

Shayne Joyce filled in for Josh Riggs at 140 pounds and went 1-3. His victory came against Joe Lawrence of Jenison as the senior dominated a 14-2 match.

Borashko was up next for the Wildcats at 145 pounds.

In his first match, Borashko easily beat Wayne Memorial's Jason Johnson 17-2. His single loss came to eventual champion Assad Nimer of Ypsilanti. Borashko won his last two, both by decision.

Scappaticci also finished third and like

Borashko only lost once. It was a heart-breaking loss at that as Mike Rochon of Belleville stole the match with five seconds left and won 7-6. The 152-pound wrestler easily beat Scott Rutkowski of Southgate, 7-0, and Matt Schoedy of Ypsilanti 7-1.

Steve Taple performed well at the invite going 3-2. The 160-pounder's victories included a pin and two decisions.

Siu Myers racked up a couple of pins himself going 2-3. The pins came against Salem's Tully Shy and Franklin's Joe Schaffer.

At 189, Joe Young also went 2-3. The senior posted victories in his first and fourth matches, both by pins.

One of the best performances of the day, Fritz said, came from heavyweight and first year wrestler Brian Wohlfiel. The senior took fifth place.

The coach took the blame for the team's poor showing.

"It's a mental game and our kids weren't ready," Fritz said. "They weren't physically either. That's my fault."

The team held the maximum six practices over the Christmas break. Fritz said that probably wasn't enough, as several of his Wildcats put on weight.

Three of Novi's top wrestlers were out of action Saturday.

Alex Lee, who had gotten off to a fast start, was sidelined with a hyperextended elbow. Riggs failed to make weight and family obligations forced Guy Rohatug out.

"I think we could have been in the top five with our best lineup," Fritz said.

The coach commented that the next few weeks of the season will be crucial. Fritz said a number of wrestlers, such as Bazzaz, will drop down a weight class to strengthen the team.

"We will try to take him down to 103," Fritz said. "It should make him better and our team better."

KVC sweep highlights Novi's 1991 sports year

Gowans, Kobe, Walker, DeHeart star in 1991 for Wildcats



Matt Kobe was one of Novi's best in '91

The world of sports — Novi style — was as frantic as ever in 1991.

With no fewer than 18 varsity teams competing, the Wildcats scored many successes and suffered a fair share of defeats during the year. After going an entire year without a Kensington Valley Conference crown, the Wildcat men's basketball team got Novi on track with its championship in March.

When all is said and done, '91 was a year that won't soon be forgotten. So, to jar our memories one more time, let's look back at the year that was.

WINTER BASKETBALL: The hoopsters completed their ascent to the top of the KVC in grand fashion.

The Wildcats swept the league in '91 for an unprecedented 12-0 mark. The team's overall record, 17-4, set a school record for most wins and fewest losses. The excellent season followed a 12-9 finish in the 1989-90 season.

According to coach Bob Shoemaker the team was one of the most special groups he had been around in his long career.

"This team will rank as one of my all-time favorite, considering how far they've come," he said. "I've had

a lot of big moments and teams in my coaching career, and this season is a big one in my mind."

The team was led by Jason Walker, who averaged 15.6 points a game and was named conference most valuable player. Doug Soper, Aaron Federspiel, Mike Sumerton and Jeff Schram provided senior leadership.

WRESTLING: The winter campaign proved to be up and down for the grapplers. Even with a mid-season slump, however, the 'Cats posted a more than respectable 18-7-1 dual meet record.

Novi started hot, winning nine of its first 10 meets. In that stretch, the Wildcats also went 2-0-1 in the conference. The team hit the wall in its next three meets, winning only against last place Milford.

Let by Mike Gowans, Jason Wadsworth, Brian Pasquic and Tony Walker, Novi rebounded to capture the district title. The squad advanced to regional finals before falling to state-ranked Belleville.

"I thought we could have been regional champs and we weren't, but I'm pleased with the overall year," said coach Tom Fritz. "I thought we were successful, but there were some areas I was disappointed."

VOLLEYBALL: At first glance,

the spikers overall record last season may not look impressive at 6-12. But, considering where they came from, it was.

From the '85-'86 season to the '89-'90 season, the Wildcats compiled a miserable 12-98 dual meet record — a winning mark of less than 20 percent. The winter season was the 'Cats' best since 1984.

"We are more competitive and have more desire to win," Coach Amy Wagner said in March. "This year, we fought back, even when we were down, and that's something we haven't done in the past."

The Wildcats placed fifth in the KVC. Top performers included Jennifer Forward, Stephanie Tolsdorf and Diane Bassett.

SWIMMING: The tankers capped a solid season by sending four swimmers to the state meet in March.

The team was led by Derek Speerschnieder. The junior made the state cut in the 200-yard individual medley and the 100-yard backstroke.

"Two relay teams, that also included Speerschnieder, made the cut as well. They were 200 and freestyle relay squads.

The Wildcats placed 23 at the state meet.

SPRING GIRLS TRACK: In the always-tough KVC, the 'Cats managed a fifth-place showing in 1991.

Despite not winning a dual meet during the season, Novi had several outstanding performers. Freshman Christy Carmichael set a school record in the 200 meters. Likewise, the 800 meter relay team comprised of Carmichael, Patu Corbin, Enka Strausberg and Ivana Kalafatic broke the school mark with a time of 1:50.3.

The performances of the young 'Cats left coach Connie Ahrens excited about the team's prospects in '92.

"We depended on a awful lot on our freshman, but they came through," she said. "I've can develop them we might turn some heads in the future."

TENNIS: Just one point separated Novi from its first ever conference championship. Without a doubt, freshman Mark McGrew led the Wildcats.

"This was probably the best team I've had," coach Jim Newbold said. "It helps to have a kid like McGrew at the top of the line-up. He sets a good example, he inspires the other

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McGrew emerges on top of Novi 1991 tennis squad

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McGrew went 19-2 overall and was 10-0 with a No. 1 ranking in the KVC. But the freshman wasn't the only talented player on the squad. Matt Butler went 14-4 overall and 8-1 in the KVC. Andy Anderson and Tim Wheeler also posted strong seasons.

SOCCER: Despite a host of injuries, the kickers came away a 7-6-1 record last year. Novi finished in third place in the KVC and went 6-5-1. The Wildcats improved upon a 5-12-1 record from 1990. Coach Nick Valenti was pleased with the team's effort.

"We had a good year," he said, "but it wasn't perfect. We had a good group of seniors and we'll have a hard time replacing them next season. The injuries were a constant problem, especially near the end of the season, but we had a lot of girls who stepped up and filled in."

Lisa Galt and Nicole Burcharth, who both made the second team all-area squad, led the team. Holly Rendra, who had nine goals and six assists, was another solid performer.

BOYS TRACK: The Cats had an outstanding season in '91, as usual, under the guidance of coach Bob Smith.

With an impressive 30-7 dual meet record over the past four seasons, the tracksters continued their success. Novi posted a 7-1 dual meet record last year and grabbed a share of the KVC crown.

Smith said depth was the key to the season.

"Our depth was a big factor," he said. "We can go three or four in every event, and we had health competition

among teammates. There was no antoinously, like in past years when egos got in the way."

Senior Aaron Federspiel shattered the existing discus mark by over two feet and pole vaulters Chris Rafferty and Greg Larson equalled the school record.

FOOTBALL: After six consecutive winning seasons, the gridlers couldn't muster a seventh. Novi finished with a 4-5 overall mark. The "Cats were above .500 in conference play at 4-2, which was good enough for third place in the KVC.

"We were disappointed in the final record," said coach John Osborne. "We expected to do better than we did. But a lot of hard work and perseverance went into this season."

Despite the losing mark, the Wildcats had many good performers. Running back Matt Kobe was among the conference's best with 825 yards and 12 touchdowns.

Young Brian Wohlilid and Aaron Oldenberger were also solid.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY: Injuries put a damper on the harriers' season as a number of top performers went down.

Tanya Frank, a second team All-KVC pick as a sophomore, competed in less than half of the team's meets because of injuries.

Coach Brian Howard expected problems in the pitching department and a solid lineup. What he got was the exact opposite.

The team boasted an overall ERA of 3.36, a more-than-respectable statistic. But Novi hitters posted only a .272 average—down more than 80 points from the previous year.

"Our hitting was disappointing," Howard admitted.

The Wildcats finished fifth in the

KVC with a 11-12-1 conference record. Overall, the Cats went 18-17-1.

Pitcher Dan Sweller and outfielder Dan Lowery, both first-team all-area choices, led the squad. Tom Grigg, Clint Trombly and Doug Soper also had good years.

All that success led to the school's first trip to the state meet in October. "Novi has never gone to the state meet, so we are very excited," Hanson said. "We got a little lucky, but we are a qualified team."

SOCCER: The team boasted the program's second best win-loss record in the last 10 years with a 10-4-1 mark.

The Cats outscored opponents 40-28 during the fall campaign. Despite losing nine seniors to graduation, coach Larry Christoff expects his squad to be even better in '92.

"I feel very confident we will be much more competitive (this) year," he said.

Senior forward Tony Wise was one that led the kickers last fall. He led the area in scoring with 16 goals and eight assists.

Christine Edwards were key parts in the Cats' success. Leading scorer Kristen Kenny was probably the team's most valuable player.

GOLF: For a rebuilding year, the Novi golfers certainly put together an impressive season. Based on statistics, the 1991 Wildcats were the school's second best squad. Novi went 4-5 overall and 2-4 in the KVC.

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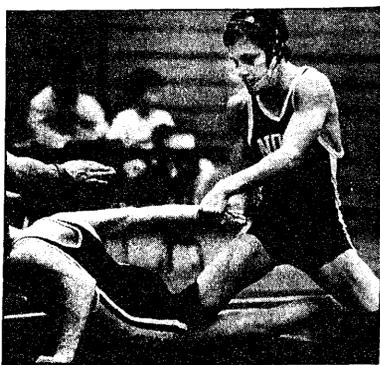
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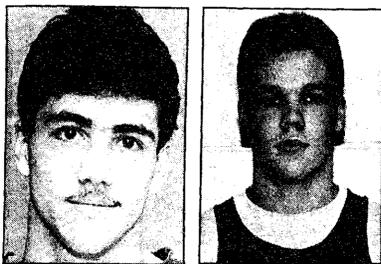
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Wildcats of the Week



TONY SCAPPATICCI JASON WALKER

"Cat wrestler Tony Scappaticci finished third at the Plymouth Salem Invitational. The senior lost just once on a tough 7-6 decision. The 152-pound wrestler easily beat Scott Rutkowski of Southgate, 7-0, and Matt Schoedy of Ypsilanti 7-1 to claim third. Scappaticci has been one of Novi's best wrestlers all season, posting a 12-3 mark thus far.

Our other selection goes to hoopster Jason Walker. The 6-foot-4 senior guard led the Wildcats through two losses in the Christmas Highland Park tournament.

Walker scored 24 points and grabbed 10 rebounds in a loss to Highland Park Dec. 28. In a consolation loss to Detroit East Catholic he dropped in 8 points.

The Novi native is at the top of the list in several Wildcat categories including scoring, rebounding and assists.

Trackin' the 'Cats

BASKETBALL: Hosting Howell 7:30 p.m. Jan. 10. Hosting Northville 7:30 p.m. Jan. 14.

SWIMMING: At North Farmington 7 p.m. today, Jan. 14 at home hosting Walled Lake Western, 7 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL: Hosting Lakeland today, 6 p.m. At Walled Lake Central Jan. 11, 9 p.m.

WRESTLING: At Brighton 4 p.m., Jan. 10. At home Jan. 11, 10 a.m.

College Periscope

LISA MCCARTHY, a Novi resident, was one of three Alms College softball players to be recognized as Division III All-America Scholar Athletes by the National Softball Coaches Association. Each maintained a 3.5 grade point average.

McCarthy made the All-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association first team last season batting .312. She played shortstop. The Novi resident is majoring in business administration and health science.

STEVE COHEN, a 1990 graduate of Novi High, qualified for the NCAA Division III swimming championship for the second straight year in the freestyle event.

ROBERT DUDLEY, a Northville High graduate, will be on the gridiron for Bowling Green State University when it plays Dec. 14 in the California Basin Bowl. Dudley, a sophomore, is a defensive lineman for the Ohio college.

SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

KVC STANDINGS

Novi	2-4
Brighton	1-1
Milford	2-1
South Lyon	1-1
Harland	0-2
Howell	0-2
Lakeland	0-2

ASSISTS

Walker (Novi)	5.1
Wood (Lakeland)	4.5
Taylor (Milford)	4.0
Pipho (Howell)	4.0
Wood (Lakeland)	3.0
DuPresne (Lakeland)	2.5

KVC LEADERS

Clayton (South Lyon)	21.5
Phillips (Milford)	18.0
Kramer (Novi)	18.0
J. Walker (Novi)	15.2
Fitzhitt (Brighton)	15.0
Duncan (South Lyon)	15.0
Woodford (Howell)	13.0
Rolls (Novi)	8.2
York (Novi)	8.0

SCORING

Cocher (Brighton)	36.0
Maror (Howell)	22.0
Statuacac (Brighton)	22.0
Clayton (South Lyon)	21.5
Phillips (Milford)	18.0
Kramer (Novi)	18.0
J. Walker (Novi)	15.2
Fitzhitt (Brighton)	15.0
Duncan (South Lyon)	15.0
Woodford (Howell)	13.0
Rolls (Novi)	8.2
York (Novi)	8.0

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

Phillips (Milford)	.625
Carson (Lakeland)	.600
Rolls (Novi)	.571
Mahar (Howell)	.500
Woodford (Howell)	.490
York (Novi)	.450
Klemmer (Lakeland)	.430
Clayton (South Lyon)	.420
Walker (Novi)	.426
York (Novi)	.420

FREE-THROW PERCENTAGE

Taylor (Milford)	81%
Wood (Lakeland)	80%
Walker (Novi)	80%
Chayo (Harland)	75%
Fannon (Novi)	75%
Kramer (Novi)	69%
Clayton (South Lyon)	56%
Duncan (South Lyon)	2.0
Rolls (Novi)	54%

STEALS

Wood (Lakeland)	2.5
Pipho (Howell)	2.5
Clark (Howell)	2.0
Jacobs (Howell)	2.0

REBOUNDS

Clayton (South Lyon)	19.0
Phillips (Milford)	12.5

Team offense

Walker (Novi)	11.2
Mahar (Howell)	10.0
Klemmer (Lakeland)	8.5
Scally (Howell)	8.0
Wood (Lakeland)	7.5
Rolls (Novi)	7.3
Duncan (South Lyon)	6.5
Stanton (Lakeland)	5.5

Team defense

Novi	25.5
Milford	25.0
Harland	24.5
Harland	24.0
Lakeland	23.0
Brighton	22.0
Morrison (Harland)	21.0
Howell	20.5

135 pounds

Rizzo (Brighton)	4-0
Kuzinski (Harland)	3-1
Muccino (South Lyon)	2-1
Schmerer (Milford)	2-1

140 pounds

Williams (Brighton)	2-2
Higgs (Novi)	2-2
McDaniels (South Lyon)	3-2

145 pounds

Borshko (Novi)	13-3
Van Doren (Novi)	6-2
Laho (South Lyon)	3-0
Morrison (Harland)	3-0
Lerson (Brighton)	3-1

152 pounds

Sapacato (Novi)	12-3
Brown (South Lyon)	3-0

160 pounds

Kugge (Brighton)	3-1
Combs (Milford)	2-1
M. Masi (South Lyon)	2-1

171 pounds

Papa Romano's	2-0
The Rockets	2-0
Digital Equip.	1-0
Hammerite	1-1
Carroll	1-1
Coop's Products	0-1
Brooks R Us	0-1
Generals	0-2

189 pounds

Shaw (Brighton)	3-0
Sinclair (Howell)	3-0
Taylor (Novi)	3-0
Conne (Milford)	3-0
Young (Novi)	12-5
Nicholas (South Lyon)	2-1
Franklin Mil	1-1
Skans	1-1
A Team	0-2
Stanley Electric	0-2
The Butchers	0-2

193 pounds

Werner (Harland)	3-0
Herbert (South Lyon)	3-1
Bulfinch (Brighton)	3-1

125 pounds

Graff (South Lyon)	2-1
Roberson (Brighton)	2-2

130 pounds

Ady (South Lyon)	3-2
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WRESTLING

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

Walker (Novi)	11.2
Mahar (Howell)	10.0
Klemmer (Lakeland)	8.5
Scally (Howell)	8.0
Wood (Lakeland)	7.5
Rolls (Novi)	7.3
Duncan (South Lyon)	6.5
Stanton (Lakeland)	5.5

112 pounds

Werner (Harland)	3-0
Herbert (South Lyon)	3-1
Bulfinch (Brighton)	3-1

119 pounds

Rock (Milford)	3-0
Cornely (South Lyon)	2-2

125 pounds

Graff (South Lyon)	2-1
Roberson (Brighton)	2-2

130 pounds

Ady (South Lyon)	3-2
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VOLEYBALL

OVERALL STANDINGS

South Lyon	3-1
Novi	2-1
Lakeland	0-0
Howell	0-0
Brighton	0-0
Harland	0-0

RECREATION

BASKETBALL Resident League

The Bobber Crew	2-0
The Rockets	2-0
Kia's Kats	2-0
Mwauke's Best	1-1
Stacy Farm	1-1
Shaw's	0-2
Prime 3	0-2
Brew Crew	0-2

Open League

Papa Romano's	2-0
The Rockets	2-0
Digital Equip.	1-0
Hammerite	1-1
Carroll	1-1
Coop's Products	0-1
Brooks R Us	0-1
Generals	0-2

30 & Over League

Moontakers	2-0
N.C.	2-0
N.W.B.	2-0
Franklin Mil	1-1
Skans	1-1
A Team	0-2
Stanley Electric	0-2
The Butchers	0-2

Rec Briefs

Karate: Learn "Tang Soo Do" under the instruction of fourth-degree black belt Master Bob Gordon. Classes will be held at the Novi Civic Center. Registration deadline for the winter sessions was Jan. 7. The winter course runs through Feb. 25. Spring sign-up will be held until March 10. The fee for the course is \$28 for residents.

Sno-Ball softball: The 1992 Chilly Willy men's winter tournament will be held Jan. 18. The double-elimination tournament will be held during the Novi Parks & Recreation's annual Chilly Willy Festival. Interested teams should call 347-0400 for further information.

Ballroom Dancing: A beginner's course in dancing will be held at the Civic Center starting Jan. 10 and running through Feb. 21. The cost is \$60 per couple.

Motorcars on display: Historic racing vehicles and exhibits honoring the Motorsports Hall of Fame inductees are on display daily at the Novi Civic Center Atrium. Admission is free.

Bronze plaques and other displays honoring the 27 Hall of Fame inductees are also on display. The charter class includes Cannon Ball Baker, Jimmy Deaultle, A.J. Foyt, Don Garlits, Phil Hill, Bill Mumrey, Barney Oldfield and Richard Petty.

For more information, call 349-RACE.

State Permits: State Park Permits for 1992 are now on sale. The prices are the same as last year, an permit is \$15 and a senior annual is \$3.75. This year permits also have gift certificates in denominations of \$25 - \$50 toward camping or purchases made within state parks.

Handball, Racquetball: If you enjoy handball, racquetball or paddleball, open court time is being offered by Schoolcraft College. Courts can be scheduled for doubles play. Gloves, paddles, racquets, balls and lockers are furnished.

For more information, call 462-4413.

Travel Coaches Needed: Northville Junior Baseball is looking for travel coaches for the 1992 season. Interested parties should contact Bob Willerer at 348-0975.

Returning teams will receive first preference and games are played on Sundays. Team fee is \$275 plus referee fees and non-resident fees.

For more information, call 349-0203.

Novi Trackers: Membership in the Novi Trackers Running Club is open to all interested individuals regardless of age, sex or skill level. Prospective members are invited to join the Trackers for either of their twice-weekly runs. The group meets Wednesdays at Novi High School at 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays at O'Sheehan's on Seven Mile in Northville at 8 a.m.

More information about membership in the Trackers is available by calling the Novi Parks and Recreation at 347-0400 or new President Jeanne Willford at 227-3127.

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Spas offer healthy getaway

When mind and body are screaming out for a change of pace, set your sights on a spa — the vacation destination of the '90s.

Perhaps no health trend has the appeal of a spa vacation — those two words can set your heart to racing in anticipation of the healthful, active lifestyle few of us can incorporate into day-to-day life.

We may find time for aerobics but not for relaxation. Or we may allow time for relaxation, but in front of the television set rather than in the hands of a massage.

A retreat to a spa ensures quality R & R time — perhaps the time of your life — if you select a spa designed to meet your definition of recreation.

One spa is quite different from the next, each offering a unique agenda and atmosphere. To pick the right one for yourself, consider carefully your individual needs — on both a physical and emotional level, according to *Working Woman* magazine.

Some spas offer week-long or month-long programs that pack a wallop in the form of regimented exercise, restricted diet and nutrition and fitness education, all in the hopes of altering your lifestyle.

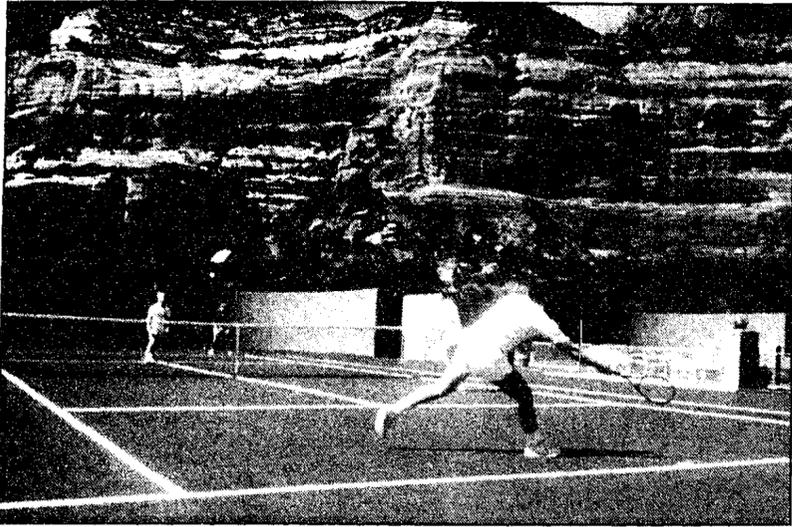
Others cater to the soul for a week or weekend, emphasizing yoga, body wraps and mineral water soaks to give you an escape from reality and time for personal introspection.

Still others offer a low-key mix of aerobic activity, relaxation and gourmet cuisine that appeals to the mainstream.

Whatever spa option quickens your pulse rate, here's a rundown of some of the best. For more detailed info on various spas and what they have to offer, check with your travel agent or stop by a bookstore to pick up any of several books on shopping for a spa.

Posh and pampered — If you want the ultimate in luxury and the utmost in personal attention you can get it — if you can afford it.

Cal-A-Vie in Vista, Calif., is limited to 24 female guests at any given time and offers such individual attention as a personal trainer, personal fitness schedule, exclusive villa-like guest quarters, reflexology and seaweed wraps.



A few rounds on the court can be relaxing

Golden Door in Escondido, Calif., is limited to no more than 36 guests at once and offers male, female and co-ed sessions. Here you'll enjoy breakfast in bed and an in-room massage each evening, with activities ranging from aqua aerobics to manicures.

I want privacy: If your goal is to rediscover private time that gets lost in the shuffle of professional and personal commitments, check out these spas:

Norwich Inn and Spa in Norwich, Conn. This co-ed establishment combines rustic charm with private rooms and allows guests to make their own schedules — nothing is required, although there are personal trainers in the gym and aerobic-workout rooms. Meals can be eaten in the dining room or in the guests room.

Palm-Aire in Pompano Beach, Fla. Meals can be taken in the dining room or on each room's private terrace at this co-ed spa, which offers tennis, golf and swimming and also features a bar. This retreat even al-

lows smoking in some areas.

Sporting life: These spas stress athletics and so cater to those already fit — or at least not very overweight.

The Maui Challenge and the Sedona Challenge, based out of Glendale, Ariz., both offer highly structured co-ed programs. Maui's big on water sports such as kayaking and snorkeling; Sedona highlights land sports such as hiking and mountain biking.

Rancho L Puerta, based out of Escondido, Calif., covers 150 acres on Baja California, Mexico. This spa offers more than 30 co-ed sports and fitness options daily for all levels of expertise.

Body and soul: Some folks seeking a spa experience are looking for massages and other treatments rather than physical activity.

Ayur-Veda Health Center in Lancaster, Mass., offers co-ed programs in a luxurious mansion. Based on Ayurvedic medicine, which believes that the mind and body are one and must be in balance for healing to oc-

cur, the program centers around meditation, with treatments such as massage and yoga intended to create deep peace.

Canyon Ranch in Tucson, Ariz., is a traditional co-ed spa highlighting activities such as tennis that also focuses on the soul by offering programs such as Chinese herbal treatments, biofeedback and yoga — as well as Alcoholics Anonymous meetings.

No-Nonsense: These spas say it's time for serious slimming and a lifestyle change.

Duke University Diet & Fitness Center in Durham, N.C., is a medically supervised weight loss program and educational experience for men and women based on low-cal meals, behavior modification workshops, cooking classes, swimming and gymnasium workouts.

Russel House in Key West, Florida, is located in a Victorian house. This co-ed spa features low-cal food, sailing, golf and tennis, but the main focus is daily classes in behavior modification and stress reduction.

Pain relievers cause headaches



Raymond Hobbs, M.D.

Which over-the-counter pain medicine is best?

With the large number of over-the-counter pain relievers available and continued advertising by different companies, it is difficult to know which pain medication is best. The problem is the greatest, perhaps, when trying

to decide whether aspirin or acetaminophen (Tylenol, Panadol, etc.) should be used. Each drug may be beneficial in some circumstances and harmful in others. This article will acquaint you with the pros and cons of each medication.

Aspirin is chemically known as acetylsalicylic acid and has been a popular pain reliever for many years. It is useful as a pain reliever and as an anti-inflammatory agent. This latter quality is especially important when treating red-

ness, swelling, or other signs of inflammation such as found in arthritis. Aspirin is also useful as an agent which lowers fever. Aspirin's negative effects are its interference with uric acid metabolism, irritation of the stomach and interference with blood clotting. Individuals with blood clotting disorders, or those taking heparin or coumadin (blood thinners), should use aspirin cautiously and only after discussing it with their physician.

Even in healthy, normal people aspirin can be dangerous if taken in large quantities and may cause toxic effects including ringing in the ears, bleeding, acid-based disorders and, if enough is taken, death.

Because of the potential for toxicity, it is particularly important to realize that aspirin is present in many over-the-counter medications that do not specifically state aspirin is in their ingredients. People at risk for aspirin's problems should check the label for the presence of acetylsalicylic acid. In children, aspirin is one of the most common causes of poisoning. It is infrequently used in children because of its association with Reye's Syndrome and should not

be given to children with influenza or chicken pox.

Acetaminophen is the chemical name for Tylenol, Panadol and many other non-aspirin containing pain relievers. Like aspirin, acetaminophen is useful for pain of moderate severity and for treating fevers. Unfortunately, it does not have an anti-inflammatory effect. On the plus side, however, it does not cause bleeding abnormalities, upset the gastrointestinal tract or affect uric acid metabolism as aspirin does. Acetaminophen is also poisonous in very large quantities and may lead of severe problems including liver failure and death.

In summary, both aspirin and acetaminophen have good and bad points and should be used with caution in particular individuals. In certain circumstances one drug may be better than the other, while in another situation the reverse would be true.

One must also be careful, when buying over-the-counter pain relievers, to look at the list of ingredients and any warning stated by the manufacturer. Quite frequently one will find that a "new" medicine's active ingredient is actually acetylsalicylic acid or acetaminophen.

Fitness Notes

Weight reduction class held Saturdays

Weight loss: Ellie's Weight loss classes are being held each Saturday morning at 10 a.m. and again at 12:30 p.m. at Grand Slam USA in Novi on Ten Mile Road. For more information, call 622-1717.

Ren't a pool: For those who like to keep fit by swimming, the Novi High School Pool is available for rent. Groups may rent the pool on Fridays from 7:30-9 p.m. If interested, call the Novi Community Education office at 348-1200 at least one month prior to date requested.

Jazzercise classes offered: Juli Huddleston has started Jazzercise classes in Novi this month. A unique combination of effective exercise, jazz-movements and popular music, Jazzercise is the number-one fitness program in the world.

The 60-65 minute class includes warm-up, a dance-aerobic segment followed by a cool-down, muscle-

toning and flexibility exercises and a final cool-down. Huddleston offers classes on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 9:30 a.m. and Mondays through Thursday at 5:45 p.m. at Grand Slam USA in Novi. There is a babysitter at all of the classes for a small fee.

For more information, call 426-9096.

\$1 Foot Examinations: Local podiatrist Norman H. Brant is offering an initial foot examination for \$1 during the months of November and December.

The funds collected will be donated to Farmington Families in Action. To make an appointment, call 476-0500. Dr. Brant's office is located at 38471 W. Ten Mile Road near Haggerty.

New Attitude Aerobics: Registrations are now being accepted for Northville Community Recreation's

fitness program New Attitude Aerobics.

A wide variety of classes are available, ranging from beginners' high or low impact aerobics to free weight circuit training. Unique features include: a.m. and p.m. child care, flexible scheduling, easy-to-follow workouts and certified instructors. The one-hour classes are held six days a week, year-round at the Northville Community Recreation building.

For class description, schedules and more information, call 349-0203 or 348-3120.

Aerobic fitness: Aerobic Fitness is a complete one-hour exercise program designed to improve overall fitness, increase endurance, strengthen and tone muscles. Morning and evening classes are now available.

Six-week classes run continually throughout the year. Fee is \$36 for two classes per week; \$48 for three

classes and \$58 for unlimited classes. For locations and schedules, call 348-1280.

Joan Akey's fitness class: Joan Akey's Fitness Class is now being offered on Mondays (9-10 a.m.) and Thursdays (8:45-9:45 a.m.) at the Northville Community Center.

This low impact fitness session uses all new techniques with lively upbeat exercises choreographed to popular music. This class is designed to work every inch of your body, as well as promote your well-being.

For registration information, call Joan Akey at 981-6605.

Open swimming offered: Northville Recreation Department will offer open swimming at the Northville High School pool on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7:15-8:15 p.m., and on Saturdays from 2:45-3:45 p.m. A lap swim will also be offered on Mondays and Wednesday from 8:15-9:15 p.m.

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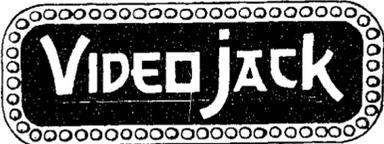
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REAL ESTATE

Expert says '92 could be good year for real estate

 By James M. Woodard
 Copley News Service

This is the time of year when real estate experts and analysts come up with predictions for the coming year. Most of these reports express a bullish, optimistic view of the 1992 real estate market.

This applies to home sales as well as investment real estate activity. Here is the view of Robert E. Davis, director of real estate markets for Arthur Anderson & Co.:

"The dramatic two-year decline of values for investment real estate is finally slowing and prices should begin to stabilize by the first quarter of 1992.

"Prices for high-quality properties appear to have reached the bottom of the trough," Davis says. "While real estate values may not improve much, they should not get any worse. Prices for quality properties have dropped to the point where the economic rationale for purchasing (real estate) should be explored."

A narrowing of the gap between offered and asking prices of real properties has been the tourniquet that has slowed the bleeding in real estate values, according to Davis. Both buyers and sellers are becoming more realistic in their pricing strategies now that real estate transactions have been at a virtual standstill for the past 12 to 18 months.

Davis believes this important first step should help stimulate deal-making and open up the flow of capital in real estate.

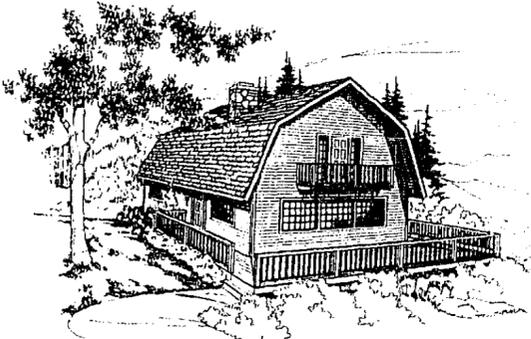
The first activity in real estate investment can be segmented into three categories, according to Davis. He calls the class with the greatest risk and correspondingly higher overall rate of return "opportunistic investments." The principal sources of product will come from the RTC, banks and other financial institutions that have foreclosed on properties and are compelled to sell them at fire-sale prices.

These investments are inherently risky and will require a great deal of highly specialized and intensive asset repositioning. Investment pools created to exploit the current down cycle, commonly referred to as vulture funds, will be most active in this market.

Middle-market investments are economically viable properties that could not be refinanced because of the real estate credit crunch. By and large, these situations have not yet been targeted by major groups and the competition is somewhat limited.

"Domestic and offshore institutional investors are expected to be most active in the top-tier market investments," Davis said. "These assets are traditionally fully stabilized properties."

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HOME DESIGNS


Petersen mixes country flavor with no-nonsense

 By James McAlexander
 Copley News Service

The Petersen, with its barn-shape gambrel roof, is a no-nonsense vacation getaway with a distinctively country flavor. The compact design helps keep building costs low and maintenance time at a minimum. A deck, which wraps around two-thirds of the home, provides a substantial increase in living space when weather permits.

Unlike an A-frame cabin, where the steep roofline leaves minimal usable floor space on the second floor, the gambrel-roofed cabin loses very little of its upstairs space to the roof slope. Consequently, both upstairs bedrooms are much larger than those usually found in small cabins.

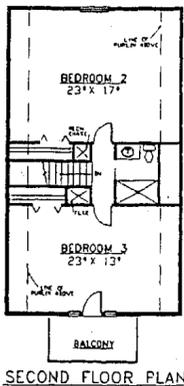
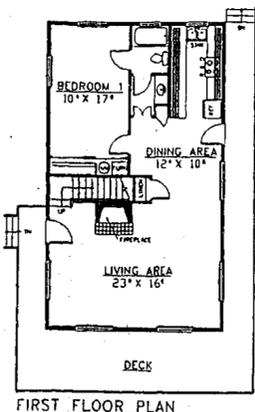
Each of the bedrooms has its own closet, and they share a bath. The one with the balcony is sure to be the favorite. Built in a location with a panoramic view, this perch would be ideal for watching sun-

sets, birds, changing seasons and wildlife or keeping an eye on children.

The living area downstairs also is quite large, open and bright. With the fireplace so close to the front door, dirty and snowy footgear can be shucked off immediately after entering and left to dry where it's warm. The stairway is also conveniently close, allowing people to run upstairs quickly for dry clothing.

Despite its compact size, the galley kitchen offers more cupboard and counter space than most cabin designs. The main floor bathroom has cafe doors, and a compartmentalized water closet, allowing two people privacy at the same time.

For a study plan of the Petersen (208-02), send \$7.50 to Landmark Designs, c/o HomeTown Newspapers, 323 E. Grand River Ave., Howell, MI 48843. (Be sure to specify plan name and number when ordering.)


 OVERALL DIMENSIONS: 34'-0" x 49'-0"
 LIVING: 1300 square feet

Wintertime Fire watch

It's the time of the season to use common sense

 By Maria Stuart
 STAFF WRITER

Common sense is the single most important tool to protect yourself against a house fire during the winter months.

The No. 1 cause of fires in winter is the improper use of heating devices, according to Dick Shinske, the fire chief for the City of Brighton.

Shinske said firefighters see a significant increase in the number of home fires in the winter caused by people improperly using heating devices, including furnaces and hot water heaters.

"Space heaters need space," Shinske said. "Small heaters are not the problem—it's the people who use them."

"Too often, people put the heaters in a confined area, too close to curtains or bedding that can easily catch fire. They don't give the heater enough room."

The same rule goes for furnaces and hot water heaters, too.

Shinske said that people often store trash indoors until pick-up day when it is extremely cold out, and he has seen cases where trash and other materials placed too near a furnace or hot water heater have burst into flames.

"This happens with older appliances," Shinske said. "There may be a little flame leaking and if you have flammable items close by, they'll catch fire."

Another dangerous winter situation is the chimney fire.

"People think that since the fire is inside of a chimney, it is not severe because it is blocked off from the rest of the house," Shinske explained. "But, many times the chimney is not as tight as it should be, allowing some of the flames to escape."

If there are any cracks in a chimney's mortar, flames can escape and ignite the interior of the home.

"It's extremely dangerous because you don't see it happening," Shinske said.

Often times the first chimney fire is not the one that does the damage. "The first one loosens the mortar," Shinske said. "It's the second one that does the job."

An annual chimney cleaning and inspection by a professional is recommended. Cracks in the mortar

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Photo by SCOTT PIPER

Basil can flower on kitchen counter

 By Patrick Denton
 Copley News Service

GARDENING

For the sake of a change and to try something that looked interesting, I grew a different basil this year. One I found in the Johnny's Selected Seeds catalog listed as Genovese or Sweet Italian basil.

I started the seeds indoors and set out about 10 plants next to the staked tomatoes in May. With the summer's heat they bushed out into attractive plants about 18 inches high clothed in large, bright-green leaves bearing a deliciously strong, sweet fragrance.

One day, as I was gathering some shoots for chopping into a tomato sauce, I gathered extra and set the stems in water in a glass bud vase at the window above the kitchen sink. To my surprise the stems flowered in the vase and developed long roots.

My cut basil stems stayed in beautiful condition in the water until the end of October, when they began to flag somewhat. The nicest thing about this long-standing cut basil bouquet was the warm, pungent scent the

foliage released into the kitchen in the presence of heat from the sun.

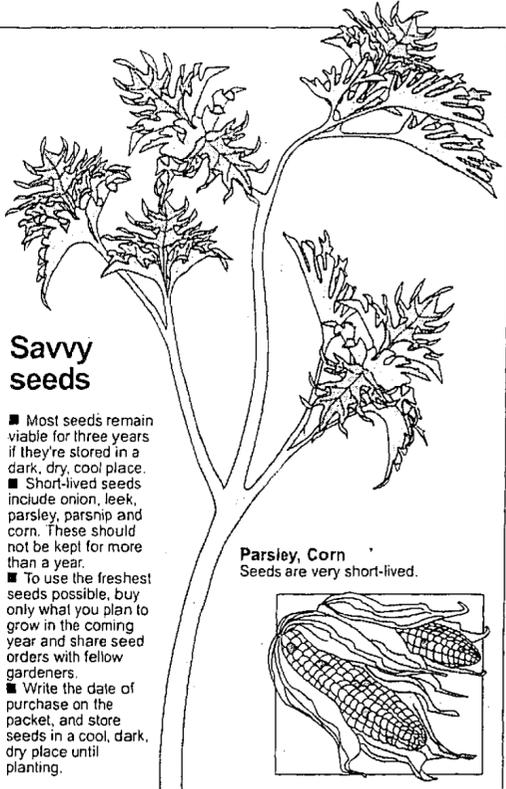
I never did pot those water-rooted stems, but cuttings taken in summer rooted nicely in a light soil mix and these new plants have now taken up residence at the kitchen window, the pot set inside a little basket.

OLD AND NEW SEEDS

Before purchasing new seeds or ordering seeds from the 1992 catalogs, check your store of seeds left from last year to avoid duplication. Most kinds of seeds, if stored in a dark, dry place at evenly cool temperatures, will remain in good viable condition for three years or more.

Some of the more short-lived seeds include onion, leek, parsley, parsnip, corn and salsify, verbena, salvia, geranium and delphinium. These should not be kept for more than one year.

That is, if you purchase a packet of onion seed one year

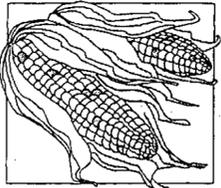

Savvy seeds

■ Most seeds remain viable for three years if they're stored in a dark, dry, cool place.

■ Short-lived seeds include onion, leek, parsley, parsnip and corn. These should not be kept for more than a year.

■ To use the freshest seeds possible, buy only what you plan to grow in the coming year and share seed orders with fellow gardeners.

■ Write the date of purchase on the packet, and store seeds in a cool, dark, dry place until planting.

Parsley, Corn
 Seeds are very short-lived.


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An ECT geologist checks soil samples at a gas station near Northville

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By RICK BYRNE
Copy Editor

There's a poem that says good fences make good neighbors. In the '90s, to be a good corporate neighbor, you not only have to worry about your fences above ground. You have to worry about what's underground, too. Attention has been focused on many companies that, in the past, haven't respected the environment, and are now paying the price.

For the concerned business operator, companies like Environmental Consulting & Technology are a boon. ECT is an environmental consulting firm which offers a variety of planning, management, scientific and engineering services for companies that must address not only with increasing government regulation, but heightened public concern as well.

"We're a full-service environmental consulting company, doing everything from petroleum cleanup to asbestos studies, hazardous waste studies and industrial hygiene," said Rick Steel, a staff geologist and specialist in groundwater studies. "This kind of thing is very big in the Detroit area right now because of all the old plants out there."

Most often, ECT is put to work by banks and insurance companies, for what is called a Phase I Audit. Any

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time land or property is bought or sold, policy issuers and note holders want to know if there will be any problems for which they'll be liable. They call on ECT to ferret out the facts.

"Our clients want to know what is there," said Steel. "We look at the possibility that the facility was contaminated. We check data from the DNR to see if it's possible, and do our own evaluation. Based on the results of the evaluation, we can recommend future action on the site."

Gas stations are a common target for concern, and with good reason. In Florida, where ECT was spawned, the company discovered that even brand new gas stations had leaky underground tanks. From day one, a third of all underground gasoline

tanks leaked.

In recent years, new regulations have put pressure on the industry to take greater care with tank installation. According to Steel, "the industry is better than it was 20 years ago, but before that, anyone could put a tank in."

For any job, ECT will not only compile data and submit a report. The company will take care of all the necessary processing and submittals to comply with government regulations. Such hand-holding can prove important for clients who have no experience with the latest regulations.

"We had one instance where a doctor bought a gas station to set up a

clinic, and didn't realize what he was getting into," said Steel. "It can be a big loss without someone leading you down the right path, and can cost you a big sum."

Underground tanks are just a snapshot in ECT's total service picture, however. The company can do building surveys for lead, asbestos and indoor air quality, ecological studies and jurisdictional wetlands delineations, environmental impact studies and worker right-to-know and safety training. Surface water, stormwater and discharge studies are offered, and ECT can address Clean Air Act concerns for most any company.

The Northville office of ECT (there are four others in Florida and Louisiana) has a staff of 12, and their qualifications run the gamut from hydrogeology and environmental chemistry to land use planning and geotechnical engineering.

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Business Briefs

THOMAS E. MOHR of Northville has been named branch manager of the Commercial Markets group of AT&T's business network sales division. Mohr manages salespeople selling long distance services and discount calling plans to small and medium-sized businesses in Michigan.

Mohr replaces John Viola, who was transferred to Basking Ridge, New Jersey, on special assignment.

Mohr has been with AT&T since 1966, most recently as branch manager of Ohio Commercial Markets, headquartered in Columbus, Ohio.

PLANTE & MORAN, an accounting and management consulting firm, has announced that Dawn M. Thomas, a certified public accountant and resident of Novi, has been promoted to associate.

Thomas joined Plante & Moran in 1986 as a member of the accounting staff. She specializes in serving municipalities and not-for-profit organizations and is based in the firm's Southfield office.

Thomas earned her bachelor's degree in economics and business management at Albion College in 1986 and is currently attending Walsh College in pursuit of her master's in finance. She is involved in community and professional organizations including the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants and the Professional Woman's Network.

Founded in 1924, Plante & Moran is a Michigan-based accounting and management consulting firm that specializes in serving small and medium-sized, privately held businesses. The firm serves its clients through offices in Ann Arbor, Battle Creek, Cleveland, Coldwater, Kalamazoo, East Lansing, Grand Haven, Grand Rapids, Mount Clemens, St. Joseph/Benton Harbor, Southfield, Traverse City and Troy.

CLOVER COMMUNICATIONS INC., a network integration firm headquartered in Novi, recently demonstrated more than 40 networking products from over 20 vendors, including AT&T, Chipcom, SynOptics, Wellfleet, and Wollongong to name a few.

Active connectivity was accomplished by several types of communications media: fiber, broadband, twisted pair, baseband and air. The network (encompassing an entire building) was designed, installed and maintained by Clover to show that multiple vendors and protocols can communicate over different media using the leading industry standards.

The showcased demonstration network operated flawlessly over a two-week period, which culminated in an open house event. During this time frame, Clover hosted more than 400 visitors, representing a diverse group that ranged from the automotive, manufacturing, corporate offices, educational, financial, and medical fields.



THOMAS E. MOHR



DAWN M. THOMAS

Aspects of the communication network, involving voice, data, and video applications were of interest to representatives from the banking, educational and medical fields. They were particularly interested in Clover's integration and engineering of various workstations to demonstrate high-quality imaging capabilities.

Manufacturers were also suitably impressed. The office, plant, campus and wide-area applications represented a highly diverse connectivity that made this network demonstration really stand out. Because of Clover's standards-based approach, attendees were able to communicate across many different networks to simulate office-to-plant connectivity.

Clover's vice president of sales and marketing, Jim Duffy, gave a short presentation that briefly covered the history of Clover (dating back to 1952); highlighted present capabilities and vendor relationships; and spoke about Clover's future goals.

Duffy said, "Our goal is to provide current technology that is standards-based, while offering products that will allow our customers to cost effectively migrate from proprietary networks to open systems. I think this Open House truly demonstrated Clover's unique capabilities to meet this goal in today's marketplace."

DR. NICHOLAS S. SELIAS, and his wife, Catherine, of Northville, attended the American Osteopathic Association's (AOA) 96th Annual Convention and Scientific Seminars held recently in New Orleans.

More than 3,000 osteopathic physicians received Continuing Medical Education (CME) credits for attending clinical sessions at the convention. Osteopathic physicians are required to earn 150 CME credit hours every three years to maintain AOA membership. AOA convention sessions help attendees stay current on the latest techniques in patient care and expand their knowledge in specialty areas.

Across the nation AOA, which represents more than 31,000 osteopathic physicians, promotes the public health, encourages scientific research and acts as the accrediting agency for osteopathic hospitals and colleges.

MARIA A. MARCANTONIO, Northville resident and vice president of creative services/sales for Farmington Hills-based Visual Communications Inc., announced the firm has been retained as marketing/communications counsel by the following clients: Southfield-based Excalibur restaurant, Key Tours of Canada and Lvonika and Lason Systems in Livonia, a national leader in the field of direct mail marketing.

Visual Communications Inc. is a full-service marketing/communications firm and creative/production house for training and business presentations. VCI was founded in March 1986 by Thomas LaTra, former manager of the 3M Company. Visual Communications Inc. publishes Solutions, a monthly package of direct-response cards targeted at business-to-business advertisers.

VCI also specializes in the printing of plastics—overhead transparencies, static cling materials, various polyester and vinyls—and is one of the only firms in town to print offset full-color transparencies for overhead projection.

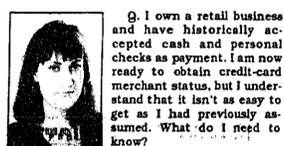
The philosophy behind the success of Visual Communications Inc. remains simple, "establish a company that listens to its customers and takes a personal approach to solving their problems, meeting their needs."

Visual Communications Inc. has also been chosen selected by Deanna Miller of Northville-based Linsco/Private Ledger to handle promotion activities for that company.

As a financial advisor, Miller provides clients with advice and programs for college education planning, retirement planning, lump sum distribution, investments for tax advantage, estate planning, charitable gift giving, preventing individual financial trauma. VCI recently produced Linsco/Private Ledger's cable television commercials.

Mary DiPaolo/Focus: Small Business

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Q. I own a retail business and have historically accepted cash and personal checks as payment. I am now ready to obtain credit-merchant status, but I understand that it isn't as easy to get as I had previously assumed. What do I need to know?

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- Your personal credit history if you are the sole proprietor.
- Sales and expense records or projections.
- Organizational and marketing-related information as taken from your business plan.
- Your industry track record.

All of this is necessary to help banks evaluate your overall credit worthiness in both the personal and professional sense. As a retailer, your chances of obtaining merchant status generally are quite good. But companies in industries with a high incidence of fraud have a much harder time. For companies that face resistance or are turned down, there are still several options available.

- Discussing the establishment of a "cash reserve"

account that protects the bank against possible losses.

- Obtaining service through an Independent Service Organization that represents one or more banks.
- Approaching a fulfillment services company within your industry or creating your own company (private label) card.

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Mary DiPaolo is the owner of MarkeTrends, a Northville business consulting firm. She lectures extensively on a variety of marketing topics to professional groups, associations, and non-profit organizations, and has produced two small business television series for MetroVision and WXON-TV20.

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